

The Bethel Citizen

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New Year's Bethel Events

6 p.m. to midnight, Friday, Dec. 31, 1999

Main Street

6 p.m. Lighted Vehicle Parade, and 2000 Snowmen Festival Kickoff

Bingham Gym

(Church Street)

7 Jewel Clark and Donnie Katlin
8:15 George Worthley and Carol Clark
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10:45 George Worthley and Carol Clark

West Parish Congregational Church

(Church Street)

7 Gary Crocker
8:15 State Street Traditional Jazz Band
9:30 Gary Crocker
10:45 State Street Traditional Jazz Band

Crescent Park School

(Off Mason Street on Crescent Street)

7 Fred "Zeplin" Garbo
8:15 Fred "Zeplin" Garbo
9:30 - 11:45 "Millennium" Bill Morton

Bingham Auditorium

(Church Street)

7 Mollyocket Chorus
8:15 Wake the Neighbors
9:30 Mollyocket Chorus
10:45 Wake the Neighbors

On the Common

(Broad Street)

7 - midnight Bonfire for roasting marshmallows and snowman making
Midnight Fireworks presented by the Bethel Inn

Moses Mason House

(Corner of Broad and Mason streets)

7 - midnight Food Court - nonprofit organizations offer a variety of fare like popcorn, chili, hot dogs, coffee, hot chocolate, etc. Shuttle Bus
11:45 Drawing for heirloom quilt

Gould student charged with his mother's murder

By MICHAEL DANIELS/A.P.

A 17-year-old Gould Academy junior is facing the possibility of life in prison for the shooting death of his mother.

Laird Stanard, of West Windsor, Vt., has been charged with killing his mother last week and attempting to kill his father.

Vermont authorities believe the shootings were premeditated, and that Stanard had discussed his intentions with ahead of time with his girlfriend at Gould.

Stanard was arrested at a Brattleboro psychiatric hospital on Thursday, Dec. 23. He pleaded innocent to charges of first-degree murder and attempted murder. He is currently being held without bail.

He was charged with shooting his mother, Paula S. Easton Stanard, 51, in the face with a shotgun early Sunday, Dec. 19, in the family home. The boy's father, William, suffered burns and a graze to his shoulder when his son allegedly tried to shoot him, according to an affidavit presented at Vermont District Court.

Laird Stanard enrolled at Gould in September of this year. Authorities say he returned home for the holidays on Friday, Dec. 17. He was reported to have returned with poor grades and told his parents he had no intention of returning to Gould.

According to Vermont court documents, police searched Stanard's dormitory room here and

found he had left behind few personal possessions.

Stanard also had had a dispute about a credit card on which he allegedly had run up \$860 in charges, prosecutors said. He later charged another \$5,000, the affidavit said.

According to a report in the Valley News of Lebanon, N.H., a daily newspaper covering the central Vermont town where the family lived, Laird Stanard was also upset by his parents' reaction to his disclosure over Thanksgiving that he was bisexual.

William Stanard, however, told investigators he had discussed the matter with his son and told him he (William) "had no problem with this," according to the Valley News report.

On the morning of the shootings, police charged, Stanard and his mother had a confrontation about his violation of a midnight curfew.

The murder came just days after Stanard's parents discussed purchasing a new gun cabinet to better secure their weapons, according to a police affidavit. His parents were concerned about his emotional state prior to his return from Gould.

According to court documents, the teen-ager claimed that an unknown hitchhiker he picked up in the family car committed the crime, but police said they believed Stanard acted alone.

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Esther needs some Grandma time over the Holidays, so... Dr. Shaw's office on Lower Main Street, will be CLOSED XMAS thru JAN 2. In event of an eye injury, please call 875-5003, (days) • 836-2481 Happy Holidays!!

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December 31st & January 1st
Happy New Year!

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Happy New Year!

It's just another century, her third

By ALISON ALOISIO

"I always said if I lived to be 50, that would be old enough," said Mildred Howe.

Howe — born Jan. 5, 1897 — has more than doubled her expectations. And that leaves her a little in awe of the approaching millennium. Living to see the year 2000, she said, "was way beyond my thinking."

But with that year now nearly upon us, the lifelong Waterford resident looked back at a century of incredible change, from McKinley to Clinton and biplanes to computers.

What are some of her earliest memories of life in Western Maine at the turn of the 20th century?

"The thing that stands out plainest in my mind is — well, it includes plumbing," she said.

Or lack thereof. Mildred, her three brothers, one sister and parents used an outhouse located in a back shed attached to their house, near Waterford Flat. Trips to the shed in the dead of winter tend to stay in the mind.

There are also memories of the weekly bath, taken in a galvanized tub.

"We always had to take a bath on Saturdays no matter what," she

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Mildred Howe, 102, of East Waterford said she'll probably go to bed early on New Year's Eve. Howe is the mother of Jean Grover and the great aunt of Randy Bennett, both of Bethel. (Photo by Alison Aloisio)

Top ten local events of the 20th century

Dr. Stanley Howe, executive director of the Bethel Historical Society, after consulting with some other folks who do "know Bethel," has prepared the following list of local events during the 20th century that most changed life here.

By STANLEY HOWE, PH.D.

This following list does not consider so-called "national" changes such as the arrival of electricity, the first automobile, radio, television, computer, the decline of agriculture, etc., which are all significant, but focuses on 10 unique factors or community decisions that have made the town what it is today and will be influential well into the next century. Some of the list has regional significance as well. The events are listed in chronological order.

1. The arrival of William Bingham II in Bethel in 1911 at the Gehring Clinic. This resulted in his becoming a resident by the 1920s and, through his philanthropic endeavors, led to the transformation of the Gould Academy campus, acquisition of the watershed for the Bethel Water Company, and the provision of medical attention for countless residents as well as funds for educational opportunities. His Bingham Associates Fund was based here and carried on philanthropic endeavors in many parts of Maine and New England.
2. The decision to begin winter plowing of the roads in the mid-1920s meant that travel during the winter was more likely. The Board of Selectmen resigned in protest against this decision, as the board believed it would have dire effects on families, since they would be less likely to stay home.
3. The transformation from dirt to tarred roads in the 1930s and 1940s made travel throughout the year much easier.
4. The acquisition of a pumper truck by the fire department in the mid-1930s meant that the fighting of fires would be greatly improved.

5. The founding of the National Training Laboratory at Gould Academy in 1947 by several professors based at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who were looking for a remote spot with good facilities to test their theories on human behavior. This "experiment" prospered, making Bethel the most famous small town in the world for those interested in the behavioral sciences. It also attracted a diverse population to the town and strengthened its reputation as a more cosmopolitan place.

6. The opening of the Ski Tow on Vernon Street in the late 1940s led to the development of Sunday River Skiway in 1959. A physical link between the two projects was that the rope for the tow on Vernon Street was transferred for use at Sunday River.

7. The formation of town manager government in 1953-54 brought a professionalization of local government replacing the previous part-time member Board of Selectmen with a five-member board elected by the citizens to select and work with the manager.

8. The formation of SAD44 (1965-1968) and the end of Gould Academy serving as the town's high school. This change was necessary to provide a wider variety of educational opportunities for all students. With adult and vocational education programs and University of Maine satellite access based at Telstar Regional High School, it continues to be an evolving factor in community life.

9. The founding of the Bethel Historical Society in 1966, which has grown to become one of the larger organizations of its type in Maine and given the town a reputation as a significant historical research center.

10. The founding of the Mahoosuc Land Trust in the mid-1980s coincided with a strong interest in land preservation, sense of place, and the cleaning up of the Androscoggin River so that it has become an increasingly important recreational asset.

What was in the news here during 1999

Reign of Angus

No mention of 1999 news stories in Bethel would be complete without a nod to Angus, King of the Mountain — at 113 feet, the World's Tallest Snowman. From an inauspicious start, Angus grew to be more than just a Bethel story — he became a world-wide media event.

Conceived to draw attention to Bethel's January Winter Fest, Angus was built in a vacant lot on the Bethel Station property.

The early stages of the project were slowed by a lack of natural snow and surrounded by cynicism and doubt that Angus would ever get far off the ground.

But volunteers slogged and shoveled ahead, relying primarily on manmade snow made on site or trucked in from Sunday River Ski Resort.

By Winter Fest, Angus's time had not yet come. Crews labored on through January and February to create the lighthouse-shaped man of snow.

And as he grew, local enthusiasm began to build, and the community became increasingly involved. SAD44 school children created a six-foot-long "carrot" nose and a hat, while a group of local seamstresses sewed a scarf.

The big guy was dedicated Feb. 19, and became an immediate hit. ABC-TV's Good Morning America show filmed the snowman and a

large crowd of well-wishers. Pictures were transmitted around the globe via television and print. People drove long distances to see Angus in person, and an impromptu souvenir industry sprang up in the Chamber of Commerce office.

Bethel's most famous 1999 winter resident was also featured on the Chamber's web page. He drew fan e-mail from all over.

The snowman was eventually declared world record holder by the Guinness Book of World records, surpassing the previous record holder — a 96-foot snowman built in Yagamata, Japan.

The last of Angus melted back into the Androscoggin River early in the summer, but his memory lives on.

A beach at last?

Bethel is not quite there yet, but 1999 saw the town take major steps toward finally developing a place for local families and visitors to swim.

It began with a false start. In January the Bethel Recreation Committee began studying the feasibility of the town purchasing a three-acre parcel with 900 feet of shoreline on the northern tip of Songo Pond.

The parcel, which had served as a privately owned town beach until the early 1970s, was owned by Barbara Inman of North Waterford and

was on the market at an asking price of \$425,000.

Inman eventually offered the parcel to the town for \$350,000, and voters at the annual Town Meeting in June approved the purchase 72-48.

But then the deal fell through. The deal breaker was not the price, but a demand by Inman that the deed contain a clause guaranteeing Albany residents permanent access to the beach.

Town officials balked, saying they saw no reason Albany residents would not be free to use the beach, but the town could not accept such a condition as an encumbrance on the title.

Compromises were sought, but unsuccessfully, and the deal fell through.

The Beach Committee (which had been formed to study the Songo Pond parcel) then began to study the town's other, rather limited, options, including building a covered swimming pool.

In July, a new possibility arose, when the family of Ernest and Alberta Angevine offered to donate a parcel of land where a pool might be dug.

The parcel was located in an attractive location between the North Road and the Androscoggin River, approximately two miles from Route 26.

Test pits dug for the Beach Committee showed the high water table in the area would fill such a pond naturally (with a little back-up help from man), and the natural flow of water would keep the water from stagnating.

Following an initial evaluation of the site by a consultant hired by the town, committee chairman Don Bennett announced the good news: "On a scale of one to 10, we're a solid nine."

In September, the plan took on financial momentum, when a foundation representing the estate of Mary and Phil Chadbourne pledged \$50,000 to help with the development of the land, and voters at a special Town Meeting agreed to put \$20,000 toward the effort.

The parcel under consideration is approximately four acres in size and would also provide room for other recreational facilities.

Earlier this month voters agreed to accept an unrelated land donation — a 17 acres of riverside parcel in Bethel Station.

The land was offered by Bethel Station Limited Partnership. It will include much of the land between the Parkway and the river. A multi-use recreational path is expected to be built there in the coming year.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Bethel Board of Selectmen are accepting applications for one volunteer position on the Budget Committee, and one pilot opening on the Airport Authority.

Applications must be submitted to the Town Office by noon Thursday, December 30, 1999. Interested persons may call the Town Office at 824-2669 for further information.

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Letters

THE LATEST ON NEW YEAR'S BETHEL

To the Editor:

New Year's Bethel will take place Friday evening beginning with a church service at 4 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church offering the opportunity to pray before playing. The emphasis is on New Year's Bethel being the chem-free, affordable, family fun event where neighbor greets neighbor - the neighbors being those from near and far, family and friends and visitors and folks from the area. This is what was experienced last year and what we hope will become the tradition - millennium or not. The prices are the same.

New this year, in addition to the church service, is the food court at the Moses Mason House. Nonprofit organizations such as scouts, grange and the historical society will be offering chili, hot drinks, popcorn, hot dogs, finger rolls and sweets.

The quilt drawing is for the beautiful leaf-symphony quilt made by the local quilters. Walter Hatch, president of the Bethel Historical Society Board of Trustees, will hold the drawing at 11:45 p.m.

This year the Steering Committee worked hard at providing the teens with an acceptable (to them) event and believe we have done it with DJ Bill Morton, who feels strongly about the young people having a place near home to enjoy the evening and be with each other.

Also, the 2000 Snowmen Festival will kick off on the common with a replica of Angus and a pile of snow from Sunday River for snowman building in the same area where the popular bonfire (and marshmallows) is located. This represents an additional element of community cooperation that enhances the offerings of the evening.

Al Barth, president of the Historical Society, will ride in the lead car of the parade and ignite the bonfire, signaling the opening of the venues, which are generously offered and staffed by volunteers - the performances include old and new favorites from around the state.

Susan Herlihy
Chair, New Year's Bethel

A WRONG AGAINST THE PUBLIC

To the Editor:

Once again (according to his letter published in The Bethel Citizen, Dec. 23), Ken Zerbst would have us all taken for fools.

I recently attended a meeting with Gadbois, Supervisor Hepp of the WMNF and Ranger Pozzuto. Pozzuto assured us that he is aware of Zerbst's many (more than five) violations on WMNF land and that Zerbst's explanations of these violations do not fool him (Pozzuto).

Any information Gadbois has come directly from Ranger Pozzuto and the law enforcement sector of the WMNF, as well as firsthand observations. There are no falsehoods involved here, Gadbois didn't ask to be involved, Zerbst himself involved her.

A wrong is being proposed against the public (who are the true owners of the National Forest). The spring involved is located on a parcel of WMNF that borders Zerbst's camp.

Area C has absolutely nothing to do with the spring. The old Mud City Road runs between these parcels of land, and separates them. There is absolutely no reason for the WMNF to give this wildlife area to Zerbst, and because Zerbst continuously violates WMNF and environmental laws, no "favors" should be extended him. This isn't a matter of cutting down only two trees measuring 30 by 32 inches in diameter and telling law enforcement they were "struck by lightning." This is a matter of many, continuous violations, being rewarded, by giving Zerbst a piece of land he hopes to "slide through" in this so-called spring land swap.

Gadbois is not lying, she's not jealous, she has no grudge. She's trying to protect something that belongs to all of us, and we should all join her.

Feel free to stop by the old Bennett Schoolhouse on the Crocker Pond Road and talk with her, if you're interested in the national forest and the truth.

You can fool all the people some of the time, some of the people all the time, but not all of the people all of the time.

Scot Howe
Albany Township

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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In the case of letters which are critical of individuals, businesses, institutions or other identifiable groups, when possible the pertinent text of the letter (but not the name of the writer) will be sent prior to publication to the appropriate party for response. This is in the interest of fairness, allowing the criticized party to have their reply published at the same time as the criticism.

In situations where the letter writer has a political, economic, familial or other relationship that could be perceived as bearing on the topic addressed in the letter, we strongly suggest the writer make that relationship known in the text of the letter or after their signature.

In cases where the writer chooses not to do so, the editor reserves the right to make the relationship known.

The decision as to whether a given relationship is in fact relevant shall lie solely with the editor. In questionable cases we will disclose the relationship and allow our readers to judge the relevance for themselves.

When writing, please include your full name, signature, address and telephone number (so that we may verify authorship).

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Peace-and-quiet battlefronts

The past year brought victory on two fronts for those who put a high value on the quiet, rural character of much of this area.

In the first week of the year a Supreme Court judge overturned regulatory approval of a plan to develop a high-stakes bingo facility in Albany Township.

The plan, put forward by the Passamaquoddy Indian Tribe, called for construction of a 2,000-seat bingo hall on an 18-acre parcel land.

Almost unanimously, however, Albany residents opposed the plan, arguing the traffic and associated activity generated by such a hall would ruin the quality of life here.

They were also convinced that once the bingo hall was built the tribe would push to expand it to a full-scale gambling casino. (An unrelated lawsuit, in Cumberland County Superior Court, provided fresh evidence that since at least 1994 the tribe had been discussing plans for a full-blown casino, even hiring a consultant to plan for such a move.)

But the opponents' arguments fell on deaf ears at the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission, which approved the bingo-hall plan in November 1997.

The opponents immediately challenged that decision in court, and prevailed in the January decision (which ruled the land did not qualify as "Indian Territory," and thus was ineligible for Indian-gaming development).

Despite their victory, the opponents could not rest -- the bingo was soon rejoin at the level of the Maine Supreme Court. Following the presentation of oral arguments in September, the opponents were optimistic their arguments had again carried the day in court, but as the year ends they are still waiting for the verdict to come down.

And as some folks here battled to keep out gambling, others fought to jettison "jet skis."

In late 1998, voters in both Greenwood and Woodstock agreed to take advantage of a new state law and seek authority to ban so-called "jet skis" from local lakes. In January, however, Greenwood Selectman Al Curtis challenged his town's vote, protesting the unrepresentative turnout at the earlier special Town Meeting.

So Greenwood's voters were forced to take up the issue once again, when they reassembled at their regular annual Town Meeting in March. They discussed the matter briefly, then overwhelmingly affirmed the earlier vote.

By June the "jet skis" were gone. Greenwood and Woodstock joined Bar Harbor and Northport as the first towns in the state to ban the devices.

And on South Pond, North Pond, Round Pond Indian Pond, Twichell Pond, Lake Christopher and the smaller ponds here, residents and visitors were soon enjoying a level of peace and quiet that had vanished with the advent of the "jet skis."

Highways to Hell, and Upton

Bingo buses and "jet skis" weren't the only environmental issues in the news during 1999.

The possibility of a four-lane, limited access highway being imposed on the current Route 2 corridor was also a matter of great concern for some.

Such a highway -- which would extend from eastern Canada to western New York State -- is being pushed by a coalition of political and business interests, primarily from Canada and the Bangor area. Supporters argue such a highway would help solve chronic economic problems in their region.

Others, however, are far less enthusiastic. At a conference in September, representatives from Vermont and New Hampshire supported the need for improvements to the current Route 2 corridor, but they expressed little if any support for a four-lane, limited-access road.

And a federal highway administrator attempted to provide "a little bit of a reality check" to supporters of such a highway. She noted that funds for such projects are still in short supply and that competition for them was fierce.

And later that same month an economic analysis, released jointly by the Maine Department of Transportation and the State Planning Office, concluded there would be little positive economic impact from such a massive (\$1.2 billion) investment of state and federal funds.

But -- unsettling for local opponents of the plan -- the report also concluded that of the five alternative routes under consideration, the one that would produce the most jobs for the least money was the

route that would pass through Bethel.

Local opponents of the east-west highway have taken their cause to the cyber highway, establishing a Web site: <http://www.east-westhighway.com>. They are also distributing a bumper sticker dubbing it the "Highway to Hell."

The Maine Legislature, which ordered the MDOT/SPO analysis, is expected to reopen the discussion of an east-west corridor when it reconvenes next month.

A much more modest highway plan caused some controversy in Newry. Currently 14 miles of Route 26 passing through Grafton Notch is designated as a Maine Scenic Highway, but an advisory committee made up of local residents and advised by state consultants is exploring the possibility of having the designation extended one mile north toward Upton village and three miles south to the Newry Town Office.

Supporters say the extension would qualify the road for federal funds to pay for various improvements along the road, including safety improvement at turnouts and parking areas, possibly toilets and improved signage to inform visitors about historic and scenic features of the corridor.

Opponents, however, argue that accepting the federal money will lead to restrictions on the property rights of landowners along the route. The specter of increased tourism and overuse of Grafton Notch attractions has also been raised.

The matter was debated at a number of meetings and two public hearings. At the latter of the two hearings, earlier this month, the plan was put to a straw vote and supporters were in the majority, 12-5.

The following week it was announced that a federal grant for \$176,700 had been approved for improvements along the corridor -- if the committee, as is expected, approved the extension.

And in another road-related note, the 1.2 to 1.4 million used tires at Peter Gordon's tire dumps in Greenwood and Albany will soon be back on the road -- or, more accurately, in the road.

The tire dumps were closed by the state in 1995, and last year the Maine Department of Environmental Protection announced that the tires would be chipped at the Greenwood site and hauled to southern Maine, where the chips will be used in road construction projects.

A DEP official said this week that the department expects to issue a request for proposals within the next two weeks, and to have the tires hauled out in time for this summer's road-construction season.

The tire removal is being funded by environmental bond money approved by Maine voters.

Fire and rain

Should the coming millennium end prematurely in flood or fire, local emergency personnel will be prepared. They battled both in 1999.

In September, heavy rains from tropical storm Floyd brought the Androscoggin River up so rapidly that the rising waters trapped several people at the Bethel Outdoor Adventures campground.

The campers, who were staying in RVs, were ferried to safety by firefighters and a bucketloader. The RVs were also rescued.

It was not the Fire Department's only visit to BOA. A month earlier, they fought a blaze that consumed another RV at the same campground.

Fire also took several permanent structures in the Bethel area during the year. Most notable was the Locke Mountain House on the Sunday River Road in Bethel.

The midnight blaze in early October drove John Swan, Deb Herick and their daughter, Shelby, from the house, which had been in the Swan family for many years.

In July, a lightning strike heavily damaged John Head's house on Vernon Street in Bethel. The home was saved through quick action by the Fire Department.

Another blaze, in April, destroyed a small house on North Pond in Woodstock. And in September, a Greenwood couple saw their home struck by fire -- for the second time in five months.

Sam and Carla Hartzell had first lost a house they were renovating in April. By fall, they were attempting to put their lives back together in a mobile home on the same site. Then flames broke out again.

The Hartzells were able to save most of their possessions the second time around, but the home was heavily damaged.

A fire at another mobile home, in Andover, brought firefighters out of the annual Town Meeting to fight the blaze. Despite their efforts, the home was destroyed.

The Force was with us

The Bethel Police Department was in the news this year, and not all the news was good.

In January, the town learned that it had been underpaying its officers. Federal labor law requires that public employees be paid overtime when they work more than 43 hours a week. Bethel officers routinely work 48 hours but were not being paid overtime.

The town pleaded ignorance of the law. The federal regulations are admittedly complex, and then Town Manager Phil Tarr said the matter of overtime pay had been looked into a number of times in the past and been assured overtime was not required for a department the size of Bethel's.

The selectmen decided that it was, and as of July 1 officers were paid overtime for their 44th hour and beyond.

The town -- which does not face any federal sanctions for the situation -- also agreed to pay each officer a cash settlement for the 30 months of overtime prior to July 1. As of year's end, settlements had been reached with two officers and two others still being negotiated, according to the town's new Town Manager Scott Cole.

In February, Bethel Officer Henry Grenier made a one-of-a-kind defective-vehicle traffic stop -- when he alerted chased down and arrested (OK, "stopped") a freight train with a serious vehicle defect.

The 75-car train had been stopped just east of the Main Street crossing, with a sheared-off wheel under a chlorine-filled tank car.

Grenier called the Oxford County Dispatch to have the engineer alerted, but then the train began to pull away.

Realizing he had no other option, Grenier headed down Route 26 until he reached an area where he could drive in to the tracks. There, using his blue cruiser lights and a flashlight, he was able to attract the attention of the engineer -- who did not know of the broken wheel.

The train was safely stopped. Had Grenier not acted quickly and prevented a possible chlorine spill, the area might have seen a repeat of the previous year's forced evacuation in West Paris. That evacuation followed the derailment of a tank car hauling propane.

The department was back in the news in November, when in two separate accidents both the BPDs cruisers were totaled.

The department was forced to do its patrolling in an unmarked state police loaner -- until voters at a special Town Meeting agreed to lease-purchase two new cruisers.

Public discussion of the cruiser purchase included a number of complaints about BPD officers responding to situations in neighboring towns.

In response to concerns over the costs of such responses, Town Manager Cole suggested asking Woodstock, Greenwood, Gilead and Newry each to voluntarily contribute \$500 a year to offset Bethel's cost.

The Bethel selectmen have not yet considered Cole's proposal.

Telstar's tough year

1999 was a difficult year for SAD44s sixth through 12th graders.

Bomb threats, a small fire and other discipline problems plagued Telstar high and middle schools.

Three students were arrested in connection with the bomb threats. Their legal fate remained in question at year's end.

Another student was charged in connection with a fire that burned a portion of a boys' bathroom in May. Several students were also suspended for other discipline issues.

On the brighter side, 1999 also saw the beginning of Promising Futures, a program designed to improve educational offerings at Telstar High School.

Promising Futures brought new requirements for future graduating classes, including the presentation of a senior project and portfolio. Seminars and honors classes were also introduced. Adviser groups made up of a dozen students and a teacher were also formed to provide better communication and support for students.

In early November, Crescent Park Elementary students shared their school for several days with students from the Andover Elementary School.

School administrators decided that roofing work needed at AES would be disruptive to the school's schedule and learning environment, as the youngsters were transported to CPS. Classes were held in spare rooms or rooms generally used by a small number of students.

A new instrumental music program, first introduced in 1998, brought the return of band concerts to the district. The high and middle

Our Back Pages

Compiled by POLLY DAVIS

10 years ago: Winners in the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce Christmas Decorating Contest were: residence, Chester and Thirza Herrick of West Bethel and the William McNamee family of Bethel; business, Bethel Savings Bank and The Holiday House.

The Telstar Outdoor Skills Leadership Challenge (OSLC) classes had a three-day outing at the Chewonki Foundation in Wiscasset.

Birth: Jacob Blackburn.

Death: Clare Smith.

20 years ago: The annual Christmas Basketball Tournament was hosted by Telstar Regional High School and included Groveton and Berlin, N.H., Oxford Hills and Telstar.

Roger J. Gerardi, former SAD44 superintendent from July 1970 to March 1972, accepted a position as superintendent of Mukwonago, Wis., Area Public Schools.

Maine minimum wage was scheduled to increase to \$3.10 an hour on Jan. 1.

The Bethel selectmen signed an agreement with John Fancie to oversee operation of the wastewater treatment plant.

Death: Hilde Selin.

30 years ago: Nancy Chapin was named the second recipient of the Elise R. Hatch Memorial Scholarship at Gould Academy.

Special music, under the direction of Mrs. Edith Eypper, and dances by students from the Susan Farrar School of Dance, provided entertainment for the students of Crescent Park School.

The Bethel Methodist Youth Fellowship entertained the Bethel Head Start children at a Christmas party.

Birth: Karen Rolfe.

Marriage: Judith Lapham and Paul Halse.

Deaths: Leppien Morse, Harlan Stevens, Wade Thurston, Edna Newton.

40 years ago: Dr. John Jay Willard completed requirements for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Princeton University, with a major in chemistry and was continuing studies as a post-doctoral fellow at Celloose Research Institute, College of Forestry at Syracuse University.

Richard and Lidel Thompson, accepted chairmanship of the Polio Drive in Bethel.

Stanley Howe attended 4-H Achievement Day at University of Maine as delegate of Oxford County.

Birth: Brian Hanscom.

Marriage: Kaye Blake and Otto Blossley, Marjorie Rowe and Charles Stevens.

Deaths: G. Philip Parlin, Erlon Burns, Eino Kyllonen.

50 years ago: Philip Burns sold the Red & White Store in Locke Mills to Arthur Valley.

At a regular meeting of George A. Mundt Post, American Legion, it was voted to change the name to Mundt-Allen Post, No. 81, American Legion, to honor the first men to give their lives in WWI and II.

Jason Smith won a nine-foot, Crosley refrigerator given by local dealer, Warren Bean.

Elizabeth Ward and Roy Lurvey.

100 years ago: Ninety-two students enrolled at Gould for the winter term.

Good sleighing was reported all over the Bethel area.

Christmas was a warm winter day.

Death: Evelyn Curtis.

school band performed in the spring and at Christmas time. Elementary musicians also played for the annual Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner in December.

Bring on the snow

The final year of the passing millennium was not a kind one for the local ski industry and the smaller businesses that depend on it.

Warm temperatures and a lack of snow led to disappointing performances both by Sunday River Ski Resort and its parent company, the American Skiing Company.

For the fiscal year that concluded in 1999, ASC posted a \$32.3 million loss. The company's stock, which went public in 1997 at \$18, languished during the latter part of this year in the \$3 to \$4 range.

An infusion of \$150 million during the summer relieved some of the company's debt burden, and gave management more freedom to maneuver, but it cost founder Les Otten some of his control over the company.

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Briefly

Newry cool to police reimbursement

NEWRY—Town officials expressed skepticism Tuesday regarding a proposal from Bethel Town Manager Scott Cole to charge them when Bethel police respond to calls in Newry. Cole said the department spends approximately 100 hours a year covering calls in neighboring towns, and he asked each of those towns to voluntarily contribute \$500 toward the costs of the coverage. But Sylvia Gray, administrative assistant for Newry, said that when Bethel police come to Newry they do so as "deputized" officers of the county Sheriff's Department — and therefore any reimbursement should come from the county. If the county needs assistance, she said, "then they should pay for it." Newry, she said, pays plenty in county taxes. As for Bethel's own protection costs, selectman Wendy Hanscom said a proposal several years ago to reduce payments toward the Sheriff's Department for towns that have their own police never went anywhere. "That's not right either," said Gray, "but that's (Bethel's) battle."

Petition asks for dispatch changes

PARIS—Greenwood Fire Chief Ray Seames plans to present a petition to county commissioners Jan. 18 asking that they reorganize the dispatch center's management as a user-governed system. The petition originated in Seames' mutual aid group, Northern Oxford County Mutual Aid, which covers Greenwood, Woodstock, Andover, Bethel, Gilead, Newry, Rumford, Peru, Mexico and Dixfield. The departments said technical problems are not being dealt with as quickly as they could if the center had a manager with strong technical skills. Such a manager, which they said could be appointed by the users, would have time to communicate with them to make sure their needs are met efficiently. Among problems cited by Seames are lack of simultaneous toning for mutual aid fire calls and tones setting off pagers in towns which are not required to respond. Lack of synchronization on center clocks was also cited as a problem over past months. Sheriff Skip Herrick said, however, he thinks the current system is working well.

Sunday River reaches 70 percent

NEWRY—Four of American Skiing Company's six New England resorts have reached the 70 percent terrain threshold promised in a White Christmas guarantee issued by the company earlier this month. Sugarbush and Mt. Snow reached the mark prior to the holiday week, and Sunday River and Killington reached it Tuesday morning. Attitash Bear Peak and Sugarloaf were expected to reach the threshold later in the week. Guests who booked a vacation for the Christmas-New Year's holiday period after Dec. 3 were offered an option of cost-free cancellation or vacation values worth approximately \$1,000 if they arrived to find their resort less than 70 percent open. Less than one half of one percent of guests opted to change their reservations, as the program allowed. Sunday River's 70 percent equals 66 trails, 15 lifts, 27 miles and 372 acres across eight mountain peaks.

BHS receives Libra grant

BETHEL—The Bethel Historical Society is the recipient of a \$10,000 grant from the Libra Foundation for its capital campaign, Walter Hatch, chairman of the Board of Trustees, announced this week. The funds will assist the organization in transforming the 1821 Robinson House, a National Register property on Broad Street, to a state-of-the-art historical museum facility, which will contain exhibit space, a research library, rooms for craft and museum shop operations, a climate-controlled, fireproof facility for collections, and a classroom for students of all ages. The building and the adjoining Moses Mason House, now form the Regional History Center, which focuses on the northern New England past. Once the campaign is completed, the center, established in June, will offer a wide variety of exhibits, conferences, seminars, educational programming, and publications relating to this region's rich history. "We are very pleased with this gift," Hatch said. "It will bring us very near to meeting a Phase II \$25,000 matching opportunity from the Betterment Fund." To date, some \$433,000 has been received and/or pledged toward the \$950,000 goal, including seven room-naming opportunities at a minimum \$25,000 each.

Employment figures out

RUMFORD/PARIS—The Norway-Paris unemployment rate fell three-tenths of a percent in November, but the Rumford jobless rate increased by seven-tenths, according to Gerard Dennison, senior economic analyst for western Maine. The Norway-Paris rate fell from 5.7 percent in October to 5.4 percent in November. The Rumford rate went up from 6.3 percent to 7 percent. The Wal-Mart Supercenter opening in Oxford was cited as helping reduce the Norway-Paris figure. The Rumford number, however, was affected by the closing of Cole-Haan Shoe in Livermore Falls. The Norway-Paris over-the-year unemployment rate declined from 5.9 percent in November 1998 to 5.4 percent in 1999. Rumford's annual rate dropped from 7.4 percent in November 1998 to 7 percent.

N.H. wants to charge for rescues

CONCORD, N.H.—The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department has talked about it for years, but it looks as if it now is ready to bill reckless hikers who must be rescued. Officials hope the prospect of getting a bill will deter unprepared hikers from heading into the mountains. A major concern is that technology, especially cellular telephones and global positioning systems, is replacing common sense and offering some hikers a false sense of security. The department handles about 200 search and rescue missions a year, with only a small number caused by reckless hikers. But the officers and volunteers still must risk their lives on a search. Money collected from a rescue will be used to support training and equipment purchases for volunteer search and rescue organizations. New Hampshire law already allows the state to file criminal charges against negligent hikers or sue them for damages. But proving negligence can be difficult.

Selectmen oppose east-west plan

MEXICO—Selectmen Monday voted against a proposal from Gov. Angus King that would exclude Route 2 in Western Maine from an east-west highway. The governor's plan would have such a highway enter Canada by way of Route 27 through Coburn Gore, rather than follow Route 2. The selectmen said upgrading Route 2 would make more sense because it is a more heavily traveled road, and the improvements would economically benefit towns along the road.

Trail dispute headed for resolution?

SADDLEBACK MOUNTAIN—After two decades of discussions, the National Park Service and a ski resort owner are optimistic about reaching an agreement in the new year to preserve the longest unprotected segment of the Appalachian Trail. The trail has shared an uneasy existence for decades with Saddleback, a ski area whose owners allow hikers to traverse a 3.1-mile portion of the trail that crosses private property. Trail officials and property owners have been wrangling over the property since the mid-1970s. Saddleback spokesman Ted Doyle has accused the National Park Service of offering "timberland prices" instead of "ski resort prices" for land that could be used for a future ski resort expansion. At issue is how to keep ski lifts and other equipment from interfering with the views enjoyed by hikers. The controversy peaked over the summer as property rights advocates joined the debate during an environmental assessment conducted by the National Park Service. The assessment drew 5,500 comments, thousands more than a typical park service land acquisition. Officials are optimistic about an eventual settlement in part because the executive director of the Appalachian Trail Conference has suggested he may be willing to discuss sweetening the offer when it comes to available funds to buy the property. The park service cannot pay anything above its appraised value, but the ATC could either kick in extra money or try to raise money to complete the deal if necessary, said David Startzell. If all else fails, the park service retains the option of declaring an impasse and suing to take the property by eminent domain, which is allowed under an amendment to the National Trails Act of 1968.

From the Bethel Police Log:

Couple takes cruiser ride together

At 5:20 p.m. on Dec. 27 police stopped a subject on Route 26 for speeding (68 mph in a 50 mph zone). A license check showed an active warrant on the driver from the Bath Police Department for failure to pay a fine. Paul C. Chonich, 32, was arrested and he and his wife, Sheryl Peavey -- whose right to operate a motor vehicle in Maine was suspended for failure to appear -- were transported to the Oxford County Sheriff's Office without incident.

Wednesday, Dec. 22

At 5 p.m. police were asked by a probation and parole officer to arrest and transport a subject to the Oxford County Jail for violating his probation. Leonard J. Bishop, 65, was transported to the Oxford County Jail without incident.

Tuesday, Dec. 21

At 3 p.m. a vehicle operated by a young female was reported to have passed stopped school buses at Telstar High School.

Sunday, Dec. 26

At 10:50 a.m. police stopped a subject on Route 5 for speeding. During the course of the stop the officer discovered the driver held no valid license in any state and her registration was illegally attached. Kellie J. Vuocolo, 35, was charged with failure to produce evidence of insurance, operating without a license and illegal attachment of plates.

This report highlights points of interest from the Bethel Police Department log, but does not include all reports of police activity. To reach the Bethel Police Department, call 911 in emergency situations, 824-3437 in non-emergencies.

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Three centuries

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said. "I loved to take a bath."

The water was heated on the wood stove. "People can't imagine what a lot of work there was in these things," she said.

The family was also busy with other kinds of work.

"We were right out straight. We did all the cooking. We never bought a loaf of bread for years and years and years," she said.

Travel was generally by horse and wagon. Her first train ride came at age 13, when she had to ride to Portland to be operated on for an appendicitis. "My dad went with me," she remembers.

Howe attended several elementary schools in Waterford. She was not able to go to high school in Norway, however, because the travel distance was too great.

She completed the work of one year in high school by earning it. The Waterford elementary teacher, she said, "told me I could help her with the little kids, and she would teach me as pay," said Howe.

That was the end of her formal education. She married Harold Howe in 1913. They built a house on Howe Hill Road in East Waterford in 1916, where she still lives. The couple had seven children, two of whom died in infancy.

Her husband worked hauling lumber to a mill. Groceries were bought at what is now Springer's Store in East Waterford. The frequency of the trip by horse and wagon or sleigh varied - "maybe once a week and not that often if we could get by," she said.

Trips to Norway were a great treat, "maybe two or three times a year we went," she said.

Automobiles and airplanes

She had her first ride in a car not long after she and Harold were married. A Ford Model T belonging to a neighbor "was up here in the dooryard. Harold said, 'Get in, I'll drive it into the barn.' We went 'ka-plunk' right into the end of the barn," she said. "But they made the cars tough so it didn't hurt it, like it would today."

Winters were tougher in those days too, said Howe, with "more cold and more snow" than those at this end of the century. "It used to drift in down by the barn. One storm, they sent a crew over. The men all got out and shoveled to beat the band so we could get out."

Despite the harsher winters, the house, heated by wood furnace, always stayed warm. "It would get so hot in here," she said. "And we would heat bricks and put them at the foot of the beds," for nighttime warmth.

Howe also remembers the house always having a crank telephone and kerosene lamps.

As her children grew, Howe made sure they got the education she didn't. "I said if I ever had any children, they've got to go to high school."

At some point during the child-raising years - she isn't clear on exactly when it was - she had her first ride in an airplane. It was an open-cockpit plane. "I didn't want to go. I went because my husband wanted to. I hated it. I was glad when we got down."

Her first trip to Boston - by car, she thinks -- was to a flower show. "I loved it. It was fun, but I was awful glad to get back home."

'I thought it was the most wonderful thing that ever was. I still think so.'

MILDRED HOWE,
on the invention of television

World War II saw Howe's son, Bill, going off to join the fight. Her clearest memory of the war is that Bill came home. "We were so thankful he came home all safe," she said.

In the middle part of the century, Howe's memories again return to plumbing. This time, the recollection is more pleasant.

"Hot and cold water in the sink was a big thing," she said. "If you have plenty of hot water and soap, what more could you want?" she said.

The 1960s brought to her house what she regards as the best practical appliance invented in the 20th century - the automatic washing machine.

"My washing machine would be number one," she said. "After I got it I didn't have to bother with the wringer. I was awful glad."

The 1960s also brought space exploration. "That was a waste of money," she said, believing the money would have been better spent "taking care of little unwanted children."

She acknowledges, however, that

much beneficial technology was a byproduct of the space program. Computers, she said, are just "unbelievable," but she has no interest in learning to use one.

What, in her mind, is the greatest overall invention of the 20th century?

The television. "I thought it was the most wonderful thing that ever was. I still think so," said Howe.

She does not, however, approve of much of the modern programming, and watches little of it. "I watch the news, and Billy Graham, when he's on."

Howe's husband died in 1982, at age 87. "I thought I'd go in six months - but here I am," she said.

Howe, who lives with June Starbird, one of her three surviving children, still takes care of herself in many ways. "I make my bed, pick up after myself, wipe the dishes and cook a little," she said.

She still makes cookies, and delicious peanut butter balls. "I haven't had good luck with the cookies lately, though, so I may give that up," she said.

Traditional families important

Howe also still attends church at the Congregational Church in Waterford Flat. She wishes more modern families would embrace old-fashioned mores.

"I think the family should stay together, pray together and get out and do things together," she said. "If I could change the way people think, I would have the mother in the home, and be there when the children get home from school."

Having the father at home, she said, would be an acceptable alternative "if he's a good man."

Children growing up with a single parent is also a worry for her. "It troubles me the way (women) are living together, with two or three men, and the child doesn't know who the father is. If they could just stay and have a real home."

Howe has a brighter outlook on the future of science.

"How can they say everything has been discovered now?" she said. "I think more things are going to be discovered."

And she may be around for those discoveries. She recently went for a check-up at the doctor.

"He said I have the heart of a 50-year-old," she said. "I feel pretty good."

And what, does she think, is her secret to such a long life?

"I've always been busy," she said. "I never had time to grow old."



BILL YOUNG, who lived most of his 100 years in Bethel, currently resides at the Ledgeview Nursing Home in West Paris. He hasn't lost his sense of humor. Asked if he would pose for this photo, Young replied, "It'll cost you money."

(Photo by Alison Aloisio)

100 years Young

By ALISON ALOISIO

Bill Young just made it into the world of the 1800s. He was born Oct. 19, 1899 in Sherbrooke, Quebec.

At age four, Young and his family moved to Bethel, where his father worked for the railroad.

Young and family, however, relied on a pre-20th-century form of transportation for getting around Bethel. "We walked a lot," he said.

He went to school in Bethel, but gave up formal education after eighth grade to go to work.

Young labored at many jobs in his time, from the dovel mills of West Bethel to cooking in logging camps.

He cooked for loggers from Grafton to Randolph, N.H. Then, he said, he would come home to Bethel "and make bread for half the town."

In summer, he often worked in area hayfields.

For Young, there wasn't a moment's hesitation when asked what, in his opinion, was the best technological advance of the century. "A car," he said. "I liked getting a car."

When he and his late wife, Lillian, got their first car, he said, "We went everywhere. We'd go to Portland."

Area dance halls, like those in Waterford and Albany, were also frequent destinations in the regular auto tours. "I liked to dance," he said.

Bill and Lillian had seven children, four of whom are still living. At one time or another, the family lived on Main, Mechanic and Vernon streets. Young built his own home on Vernon Street in the late 1940s.

During World War II, he belonged to the Home Guard, members of which kept tabs on area homes and businesses to ensure they were blacked out at night. He also worked at the shipyard in South Portland.

In later years, he worked as a cook at Mt. Abram and a gardener for the Bethel Inn.

Like Mildred Howe, Young never expected to see the year 2000.

"I never did," he said. "I was such a hellion."

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The low skier numbers at ASC's local resort, Sunday River, led inevitably to lower numbers in off-mountain beds and restaurants, and less money in the pockets of the many local people who depend directly or indirectly on skier dollars.

And, ominously, the current ski season started off like the return of the same bad dream. Unseasonably warm weather prevailed until mid-December, but then things suddenly turned around.

A period of cold, dry weather set in, ideal for making snow. And make snow Sunday River did - as did ASC's other New England resorts.

By year's end the skiing was great and the skiers were back on the mountain -- and in town.

Lots of champs here

Several area sports teams and athletes closed out the 1990s with seasons to remember, as they brought home league or individual titles.

The Telstar Middle School boys' basketball squad won its first-ever Sandy Area League championship in February.

The boys' and girls' alpine ski teams from Gould Academy both won the New England Prep School alpine championships. Telstar's alpine girls' team took first place in the Class A Giant Slalom Championship. Stephanie Vaughan was individual champion in both giant slalom and slalom.

Parker Gray of Newry, a former Gould Academy skier, won the

individual overall title of Eastern Junior Olympic Champion.

Hillary McCloy of Bethel also achieved the individual distinction of being named to the U.S. Ski Team "C" team in 1999.

In the spring, Telstar High School's Abbie Beane captured the state Class C track and field title in the long jump.

Summer brought several baseball championships for recreational league teams. The Woodstock-Greenwood Bambino team won the Andy Valley championship, while the Bethel Babe Ruth team won the Tri-County title.

At the adult level, the Bethel Pine Tree League team won that league's championship.

Fall saw Gould Academy earn the a MAISAD field hockey championship, and the Oxford County under-13 soccer team won the Central Division championship.

The soccer squad featured several Bethel players.

Small town affairs

The departure of a long-time Greenwood selectman, controversy over a building permit in Newry and improvements to Woodstock and Hanover town facilities highlighted a generally quiet year in the smaller towns.

In Greenwood, Marie Bartlett retired in March after 13 years on the Board of Selectmen. She had served 10 years as chairman. One of the area's more active selectmen, Bartlett was a strong advocate for local taxpayers. She was succeeded by Al Curtis.

Bartlett continues to serve the town as coordinator for the Greenwood/Woodstock recycling center.

In Newry, town officials resorted to hiring a lawyer after unsuccessful attempts to get a seasonal property owner to pay an ordinance violation fine.

John Emidy of Blackstone, Mass., built additions onto his Skyline Drive house without first obtaining building permits.

Emidy, a selectman and code enforcement officer himself, refused to pay a \$2,500 fine imposed for the violation. Emidy and Newry were scheduled to meet in court over the issue in January.

The town of Woodstock was busy revamping and improving several town buildings and facilities during 1999.

Work continued on the addition to the Whitman Memorial Library. The town also contracted to have new sidewalks paved in Bryant Pond Village.

Woodstock also added safety features at the town beach on Lake Christopher. A wood platform was built out over the water to provide more space for swimmers to gather. Speed bumps were installed on Lakeside Drive to slow traffic passing by the beach, and a small lot across the street from the beach was purchased to provide parking.

Woodstock and Greenwood also joined in voting to ban "jet skis" from the towns' lakes in 1999 (see "Peace-and-quiet battlefront").

In Hanover, voters accepted the donation of a house by the Mead Corp. and voted to convert it into a Town Office.

They also opted not to appeal a decision in a court case regarding town use of a private access to Howard Pond. The town lost its argument that the public had the right to use the property.

Murder

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And they believe the murder was premeditated. In an affidavit on file in Vermont, a girl identified as Stanard's girlfriend at Gould told police that in early December he told her, "he would get a gun and kill his parents."

Authorities argued that Stanard should be held on high bail, but his attorney, Kevin Griffin, suggested he be admitted to a "residential therapeutic treatment center."

Judge Theresa DiMauro ordered the teen-ager held without bail pending further hearings.

William Stanard, who called police from a neighbor's house after the shooting, later described his son as "troubled," according to court documents. Stanard told police his son had attempted suicide within the last year.

Police said William Stanard, a former teacher, was cooperating

with them on the investigation. His attorney, John Campbell, said he is staying with friends.

The murder weapon is believed to be a 16-caliber shotgun belonging to Laird Stanard. The suspected weapon was found Christmas Eve in a brook a few miles from the murder site.

William Stanard said his son had previously fired the gun only once, when he was 14.

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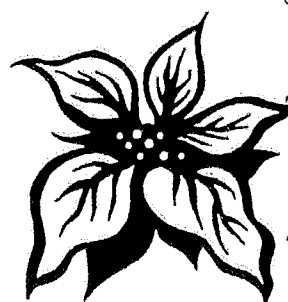
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Lamarre of Topsham, Jack
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Glenn and Jean Ramsay of Scar-
borough, Erica and Richard
Kazimer of Boston, Mass.

Arlene Brown has returned to
Salem, Mass., after spending some
time visiting Bea Brown and other
relatives in town.

Sandra and Mike Robinson and
two sons, Patrick and Alex, and
twin daughters, Holly and Sidney,
of West Charlton, N.Y., are spend-
ing some time at the home of Blake
and Rachel MacKay.

Guests of Randal and Sarah Ste-
vens this past week were Charlie
King of South Portland, Kelly and
Jen Parker of Gilbert, Ariz., Carol
Sweetser of South Paris, Michelle
Sweetser of Maryland, Kathy and
Albert Johnson of Bailey Island,
Bob and Rhonda Lichtenstein of
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Amy Collins and Sophie of Exeter,
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were weekend guests of Sarah and
Mike Lawthers in Lexington, Mass.

Mrs. Anne Long Jessup of
Highstown, N.J., mother of Mrs.
Lucia Schwarz, passed away on
Dec. 8.

A family Christmas was held
Sunday, Dec. 26, at Bob and Ginny
Keniston's, which included Martha
and Glenn Bangs and Jonathan of
Dresden; Deanne and Jeremy Witt
of Merrimack, N.H.; Glenn M. and
Julie Bangs, Kalylnn and Abbie of
South Paris; David, Jodi and
Heather Keniston of Norway; Heath
Keniston of South Paris; Karole Ann
Bean of South Paris; Rachel, Ted,
Jossie and Shelby McKnight of Jericho,
Vt.; Peter, Stacey, Elise and Sarah
Keniston of Turner; Lennie, Becky,
Jen and Jon Shaw of Bethel.

Peter and Lisa Roth and sons
were visited by her brother, Billy
Rauch and Chris Moore of Los
Angeles, Calif., this past weekend.

Skaters have been enjoying the
newly made ice rink on Bethel
Common.

The Bethel House

by Ruth Cummings
Elaine Dresser gave the residents
of the Bethel House a party on Dec.
16. Cookies and punch were served
and there was piano music and Re-
becca Rivard of Albany played the
clarinet and Krista Hoy of Intervale
Road sang. These young ladies are
eighth grade students at Telstar.
Cathy Newell and Erika Penczer
assisted in serving. Nicholas Penc-
zer, 14-month old son of Erica and
a grandson of Dutch and Elaine
Dresser, was also present. He cer-
tainly is a little darling. Dutch came
in for a while, too. Those present
from the Bethel House were Dot
Bean, Olga Morgan, Florence
Merrill, Everett Cole, Raymond
Swan, Rebecca Ricker and her
parakeet, myself and two other
residents. A great time was had by
all; even the bird enjoyed herself.
We were all presented with a gift.
Elaine took some cookies to folks
that could not make it to the party.
The Bethel House residents each
received a gift from Elaine. She is a
sweetheart to all the residents.

Mildred Newell's daughter, Bev-
erly, and Rebecca Ricker went to
Market Square Health Care Center
Thursday evening to attend a
Christmas party with Mildred.

Nancy and Sonny Cummings
took me to Dr. Porter for my yearly
eye exam on Friday and they went
shopping. I sure took a long time;
he is so thorough and then I had to
have a drop put in one eye to dilate
the pupil so he could take a picture,
and I had to wait 45 minutes for
that to work. But the result was that
I do not need to have my glasses
changed and the pressure was very
good, 15 in the right eye and 14 in
the left.

Sonny, Nancy and I went to
Market Square for dinner and
Sonny and Nancy treated me. I had
a lovely meat loaf dinner.

Be sure to check the return ad-
dresses on your Christmas cards
and write down any changes in
your address book. Many addresses
have changed because of towns
going to 911.

On the 19th, Kathleen and Rod-

ney Hanscom had the gang at their
Middle Intervale home and did I
have a grand time. I think everyone
did. There were three children there
under one year old and one just
over a year old and they were so
good. Those present besides Rod-
ney and Kathleen were Mr. and
Mrs. David J. Hanscom, Mr. and
Mrs. Charles Cole, Emma, Megan
and Chase of Windham, Ronnie
and Christine Hanscom, Mr. and
Mrs. Arthur Bragdon, Matthew and
Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis
Walley, Keith Walley, Mr. and
Mrs. David T. Hanscom and Kristi,
Mr. and Mrs. Brian J. Hanscom,
Jay, Adam, Eric and Kelsey of Ne-
wry, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Anderson
and myself. Denise Walley was
working at Sunday River so was
unable to attend.

Saturday evening, Dec. 18, folks
from the Bethel Alliance Church,
and there may have been others,
were at the Bethel House and other
places in town singing Christmas
carols. It was very nice, and thank
you all.

Kathleen Hanscom is doing well
after her recent stay in Stephens
Memorial Hospital for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Hanscom
Sr. spent Christmas day with Mr.
and Mrs. Peter Anderson on the
Chandler Hill Road.

Pastor Rick's message for Sun-
day, Dec. 19, was entitled, "The
Absurdity of Christmas." Krista
Hoy and Naomi Fraser had a spe-
cial song. There was a special pre-
sentation by the children's Sunday
School.

Lacy Phillips and George Gibson
were baptized at the Bryant Pond
Baptist Church on Sunday, Dec. 19.

Drew Webster took Lillian Ma-
chia to Togus on Monday so she
could visit with her husband, Lin-
wood.

Drew and Judy Webster invited
Dottie Bartlett and I out to have a
boiled dinner with them on Mon-
day night. However, because of the
freezing rain Dottie did not make it
and Drew brought me home early,
but at least I did get a chance to
enjoy a lovely boiled dinner.

Vada Glover spent the day with
me Tuesday and we played 12
games of cribbage and she gained
two games on me. Now I am only
one ahead in 503 games for 1999.
We ate at Bottle and Bag and had a
great dinner. In my opinion they
serve very, very good coffee. Well,
I had decaf and I had a lovely meal,
too, and so did Vada.

I hope everyone had a very
Merry Christmas and have a very
happy New Year.

Andover



by
Joan Stinson Carney
I hope that every-
one had a
Merry Christmas,
that Santa was
good to you and
that you are all
ready for Y2K.

I am writing this on Wednesday,
Dec. 22, because I will be gone
over the holiday and have to get
this in before I leave, so I can't
comment on my Christmas yet.

I am not in a very Christmas-like
mood today. In fact, I'm very angry
at the God of my understanding. I
truly believe that He is a loving
God who wants only good for us,
but sometimes I just don't
understand the things He does. I
know that that is not part of the
deal, that I don't always have to
understand His ways or even like
them. They will, not my will, be
done is very hard for me to accept
sometimes.

On Sunday, Dec. 19, Chris Akers
died. For those of you who didn't
know him, he was a kind, gentle
young man with the whole world
ahead of him. I didn't know him
very well but what I knew I liked.
The first thing I noticed about Chris
was his height; he was almost as
tall as my son Tom, and I think that
resemblance was what drew me to
him at first. The second thing you
noticed about Chris was his
wonderful smile and his delightful
laugh. I got to know him because
he was a regular at the All Seasons,
and all of us who worked there had

a special rapport with our regulars.
I liked to watch him with his niece
and nephew. He was a great uncle
and you could see the love he had
for them. We were happy along
with him when he got engaged and
later married Kim. We sorrowed
along with him when we first heard
about the cancer, and we were
elated along with him when we
heard that he was cancer free and
thought that he had beat the
disease.

After the All Seasons closed, I
didn't see much of Chris. Occasion-
ally I would run into him
and Kim around town and was
delighted when she became
pregnant. The news of the return of
his disease was a real blow to me
and to everyone in town. His
courage in fighting it and his will to
conquer it were gratifying to watch,
but I will probably never figure out
or forgive the God of my
understanding for taking Chris. I
know that God always answers
prayers, it's just that sometimes he
says no, or not now, and this is
where faith comes in. To me faith
is believing that I don't have to
have all the answers and to accept
what comes. I don't have to like it,
but I do have to accept it, and to try
very hard to believe in "Thy will be
done." My prayers and condolences
go out to his family, Robert and
Elaine, Kim, Alyssa and Hailey,
Kelly and his niece and nephews,
aunts, uncles and cousins. The
people of Andover will miss him.
Rest in Peace Chris.

Change of pace here; Peggy and
Joe Madigan are happy to
announce the birth of their
granddaughter, Joslyn Rae Lopez-
Richardson. She was born in
Chicago on Nov. 27, 1999. Her
proud parents are Robert
Richardson and Rachel Lopez. Her
great-grandparents are Dottie and
Roger Mills. Peggy managed to get
away and spend a week with the
new family, and she will show you
pictures at the drop of a hat.

We are getting ready for Y2K. It
has been suggested that you have
on hand at least one gallon of water
for every member of your
household. Don't forget your pets.
Have easy to prepare meals ready,
make sure if you have to take
medication that you have a month's
supply on hand. Lanterns or
candles and plenty of toilet paper
are also on the list. I've added
plenty of chocolate and a few good
books to mine.

You might want to try an old
Scottish tradition that I have read
about. The Scots believe that in
order to have good luck for the
New Year that the first person to
enter your house must have dark
hair, bring in with him/her a pinch
of salt, a bottle of something good
to drink and a piece of coal. This is
supposed to insure you will not be
hungry, thirsty or cold for the
coming year. They call this
tradition "First Footing," and I've
always wanted to try it. Maybe this
year would be a good time to do it.
I hope that everyone has a very
happy New Year.

East Bethel



by
Nancy Mercer
On Christmas
Eve, Esther Wil-
son had 49 peo-
ple, family and
friends, for a big
gathering.

Steve and Bethany Pelletier went
to Waldboro for Christmas.

Jim and Donna Bernard of And-
over took Polly Smith with them to
Jackie Thurston's in Bridgton for
Christmas dinner.

Esther Wilson, and also "Butch"

Crockett, recently attended Jarrod
Crockett's graduation from Rad-
ford University in Virginia. Jarrod
is now assigned to Fort Benning,
Ga., for more training.

Esther Wilson went to Grace
Gibson's for Christmas dinner with
eight other family members.

Marilyn Mollicone of Augusta
visited Leslie Noyes and Nina Mol-
licone from Dec. 24 to 27.

Kenny Mason and Tony Mason

were with their father, Ken Mason,

for Christmas.

Millie and Dana Jackson, Randy
Olson and family of South Paris,
Lorie Jewell and family of Norway
all had a big Christmas gathering
with Chris and Cindy Olson and
sons, Karl and Kane, on Dec. 26.

Bob and Gertrude Hinkley had all
the children and grandchildren for
Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Mark Co-
get of Arizona were able to make
the trip.

Andrea Howe of Auburn, Dustin
Howe and friend of Limington,
Becca Howe and Jason Coolidge
and Alyssa and Peter Buckard with
Skylar, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Seames
Sr. of Locke Mills and Mr. and
Mrs. Peter Seames Jr. and family of
Oxford all helped Diane Howe
celebrate Christmas.

John and Penny Kittredge cele-
brated Christmas with Mr. and Mrs.
Scott Kittredge in Whitefield.

Arthur Hertell and Mary Bean
spent Christmas Eve with Debbie
Goff and family in Rumford.

On Christmas Day, Mary Bean
and Arthur Hertell were with Linda
Hertell and her family in Auburn.

Victor Coolidge hosted a Christ-
mas dinner on Dec. 26, with Peggy
Coolidge, Arthur Hertell, Mary
Bean, Jessica Coolidge, Vicki Cool-
idge, Tish Taylor and her daugh-
ter, Katherine, present to enjoy it.

Jack and Lucy Nordahl had a
different Christmas dinner with Mr.
and Mrs. Bob Iles in Andover.

Jim and Sheri Rose had as
Christmas dinner guests her two
brothers and their families and her
mother.

Pat and Richard Kimball had
Christmas dinner with Penny Sav-
age and her family in Bryant Pond.
Most of the family was there also.
All the family also celebrated Pat's
birthday.

Paul and Charlotte Kimball, with
Jim Kimball and his family of West
Paris and Bruce and Velor Tuomi-
nen and family of North Norway
had Christmas dinner with Andrew
and Flossie Bernier. Dale and
Nancy Kimball were there also.
Nancy cooked the dinner with a
southern theme to the food.

Rudi and Barbara Honkala had
Christmas dinner with Bill and
Ginny Hastings in Gorham, N.H.
Bill's son and family were there,
also.

On Christmas Eve, Rudi and Bar-
bara Honkala attended a potluck
supper at Dave and Ann Morton's
in Woodstock. Florence Hastings,
Alan and Mary Alice Bancroft of
Paris Hill and George and Ginny
Gamble of Bethel were there as
well.

Roger and Louise Twitchell, with
Stewart and Roann Twitchell on
Christmas Eve had for guests Bert
and Penny Tibbetts of South Paris,
Jeremy Twitchell, Jeff and Tracy
Milligan and family of Connecti-
cut, Cathy, Joy and Bryon Turner
of South Paris.

On Christmas Day, Roger and
Louise Twitchell went to Colly and
Jeannie Tripain's in South Paris.
The twins entertained them while
there.

Avis Moore and Brandon went to
Terry Moore's home in Fayette for
Christmas. All the family gathered
there.

Florence Hastings spent several
days and Christmas, also, with
George and Ginny Gamble.

East Stoneham



by
Eleanor Nelson
Hi there. On Dec.
17, Mr. and Mrs.
Santa Claus made
a visit to the
Stoneham com-
munity tree at the
community room at Stoneham Fire
Station. There were about 15 or 20
children present besides the adults.
They were served pizza and casse-
roles and ice cream for dessert. The
children had made pretty ornaments
for the tree.

Virginia Luneau, who grew up in
Stoneham, donated 32 pairs of
hand-knit mittens to the children of
Stoneham for their Christmas party
in memory of her parents, Bernal
and Nellie McAlister.

The Stoneham Community
Events Committee, Tonya Fox,
Valerie Barker and Vicki Fox, does
a great job of organizing and put-
ting on the community Christmas
tree for the town. They deserve a
great big thanks. It's kind of nice to
let the younger ones carry on the
tradition.

On Sunday, the 19th, Albert Nel-
son Sr. and Eleanor, Albert Nelson
Jr. and Carole and Troy and Erin
met at the Chicken Coop in Mexico
to celebrate Carole's birthday.
There were 13 of us around the
table by the fireplace, which was
quite nice.

Albert and Eleanor Nelson vis-
ited Al Yemma and Wilma Taylor
at the Norway Rehabilitation and
Living Center one day last week.
They all enjoyed the visit.

On Saturday afternoon, Pearl and
Clifford Walker of Poland visited
us. I worked with Pearl many years
at the Norway Footwear office. It's
nice to stay in touch.

We were sorry to learn of the
death of Roy Smith of "Slab City."
He was a good friend and our sym-
pathy and prayers go out to his
wife, Pauline, and family.

Saturday night, we attended the
play, "Boogie Woogie," at the
North Lovell Grange Hall. It was a
full house again. Dennis Barker
does a wonderful job of writing,
organizing and directing these
plays and the kids did a great job
acting. Dennis plans to use the do-
nation money to try and have ramps
and stairway seats to help people
who can't make it up the stairs.

Chris Littlefield and friend, Cap-
rice, are coming from Virginia to
visit his parents and family, Martha
and Neal Littlefield.

Jacob Gicker from Virginia is
here to visit his sister, Becky
Gicker, and friends over the holi-
days.

I hope you all had a good
Christmas and have a happy and
healthy New Year.

Bryant Pond



by
Alice Hoyt
On Sunday morn-
ing at the Baptist
Church the chil-
dren from Sun-
day School put
on their Christ-
mas program. They did a very nice
job. In the evening service a
Christmas cantata, "The Best Gift
of All," was presented by the choir.
It was very nice. On Jan. 2, mis-
sionaries George and Kathy Ross
serving with Trans World Radio in

Guam will be at the church for
Sunday School and morning ser-
vices. On Wednesday, Jan. 5, a new
children's program, "Patch the Pi-
rate" club for grades one through
six will start at 6:30 p.m. All chil-
dren are invited.

Sunday evening a group of carol-
ers came by our house and sang to
us. I don't know who they were but
thanks to them anyway.

There's a real pretty wreath on
the Grange Hall, probably thanks to
Silver Creations. I don't know if I
mentioned the sprays that decorate
the light poles in town. They look
very nice. Thanks to those that did
that.

Joseph and Maggie Hoyt visited
their dad, James Hoyt, and grand-
parents, Ken and Alice Hoyt.
Christmas was held with them.
Others present were Beatrice Far-
nham, Beth, Steve and Marybeth
Hoover, Shawn Crockett, Lauretta
and Kellie Sanborn.

Franklin Grange 124 will meet
for a 6 p.m. potluck supper and a
program on ritualism.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Sen-
ior Citizens will meet on Thursday,
Jan. 6, at the Town Annex for a
potluck dinner and game party.
Please bring a dish to share at the
potluck dinner and your own place
setting, plus an item as a game
prize.

Sympathy is extended to Ronald
and Dotty B. Heath in the death of
their son.

The Woodstock Historical Soci-
ety will meet on Saturday, Jan. 8.
The society was glad to see the
Baptist Church put on a cantata this
year, and, more importantly, having
a choir on a regular basis always
adds so much to the service in gen-
eral.

Curator Larry Billings says he
doesn't go to church very regularly,
but he enjoyed the Christmas ser-
vices. He also said like many peo-
ple in America he has his own sys-
tem of beliefs and methods of wor-
ship. Never assume people are not
religious just because they don't
meet your standards. Larry has put
many religious exhibits in the soci-
ety's museum with furniture from
South Woodstock. He has often
said the society has a church within
its museum, so the religious life of
the community is well represented
at the museum, even if the curator
is just a bit unorthodox. So, though
the society never endorses a par-
ticular denomination, it is by no
means anti-religious. It stimulates
and inspires our imaginations, its
members are dedicated volunteers
and they always appreciate a kind
word for their efforts.

A happy and healthy New Year
to everyone.

Locke Mills



by
Lorraine Larson
Well, as usual
this winter the
weather has
turned warm
again and rained -
a fact that made
some of us mighty uneasy as the
ice began to pile up, making for the
same scenario as the start of the ice
storm. We've been there, done that,
don't want to do it again, and, for-
tunately, the rain stopped and the
ice on the trees is melting, if not
that underfoot. All this soggy stuff
must be making those working at
the skiways and the owners, of
course, a mite discouraged at the

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very least. Once upon a winter --

Which reminds me, Andy and I attended the cantata at the Bethel Church of the Nazarene Sunday evening, called "Once Upon a Child." We would like to have seen the Nativity on the Bethel Common, but it was a bit chilly, and with the problems I've had with my back, shoulders and neck, I decided I'd better stay where it is warm. We did enjoy the cantata. We also enjoyed the children participating in the morning service. One of the problems one has with these things is one never quite knows when to applaud, not wanting to be a distraction. As usual, "a little child shall lead them," as one little boy said out loud, "They didn't clap." So then, of course, everyone did clap every song.

I intended to get to the cantata here at Lockes, but I didn't remember it until later in the evening. I think somehow I need a bulletin board with some kind of an alarm that goes off a couple hours before I'm supposed to be somewhere. Of course, a better memory would help.

On Friday, Ann Fitzmorris and I were in Rumford. I had a doctor's appointment at TCMH, and so I left Ann off to do some shopping while I was busy at my appointment and picked her up after.

On Monday, Andy and I were in Oxford and Norway doing some last-minute shopping before the rains came. And, of course, there is the cooking and wrapping and all the stuff that goes around on Christmas. I think I've made so many bars and fudge I could easily turn into a chocolate chip myself, albeit a big one.

Andy finished caulking, painting and papering the dining room, and it looks lovely, if I must say so myself. The floor still needs attention, but we will do that in the spring, and we need another 15-light French door to match the one we have, but there is always something needing to be done when one has a house. I'm happy that it looks so nice the way it is.

And since I haven't had a Poochie and Lucy story for a while, I figured this was good enough for a mention. I guess one of the reasons I feel empathy with Poochie is that things happen to him often without reason, just as they do me. And, same as me, things usually turn out ok in the long run. Guess the Lord protects us both. Anyhow, as he and Lucy were coming through the mudroom to the kitchen to have their supper, he was bouncing around as usual (the

Animal Planet channel's behavior program says food is very important to beagles) and his tail hit a fan that was on its way to winter storage that had not quite gotten there yet. Over went the fan, and as Poochie dodged it he stumbled and tumbled against the outside door, which was not quite shut tight, and out he went. Of course, he couldn't pass up that opportunity, so in a flash he was long gone. Lucy went after him but stopped by the carport and decided she wanted in the house more than she wanted a run, so she came in. I gave her a rawhide to chew on while we waited. Sure enough, about an hour later I heard a commotion at the back door, and there was Poochie trying to get in. So all's well that ends well, but it sure would have saved my nerves a lot of stress if it hadn't happened in the first place.

We spent Christmas day at Ellie and Fred Peterson's in Lewiston. Norma and Fritz spent the day with Norma's children, Mae and Ruthann in Biddeford. I'm glad Norma is recuperating so well from her bout of polynymyria. Unfortunately, she had to miss the family portrait that was taken a couple weeks back. It won't be quite the same without her.

Marcia and Jon didn't have time enough off from their work to come down for Christmas, and, although Andy is much better, we really didn't see that it was feasible this year to go there, and Ralph's girlfriend, Sandy, had plans for them, so it enabled us to accept Ellie and Fred's invitation to go there.

Princess is very disgusted with me right at this minute. Sam Smudge, our black and white cat, tried to get up on the desk I'm writing at and, although usually there is room enough for him to lie down, I have Christmas stuff all over, so I just picked him up and dropped him to the floor, only I wasn't looking and he landed on Princess. She rightly determined it was not Sam's fault, so she put her paws on my lap and is gazing at me with a look that is calculated to make me feel very guilty. That ought to be good for a biscuit.

North Newry



by
Gil Seecley

I want to thank everyone who has been so kind to me during the Holidays. God Bless You All.

Mason Township



by
Richard Grover

During the week before Christmas, I decided to put the cow, Betsy, and her calf, Hannah, in the barn for the winter. This would make it easier for brother Rupert to tend them while Mona and I were in Illinois. Unfortunately, there was one big stumbling block; Hannah is nearly four months old and is skittish, so skittish that I couldn't touch her to get a rope or halter on her. Besides, she is big enough that I knew she would be a handful once I did get a rope on her, since she already outweighs me by quite a few pounds.

I finally decided to put chains (for traction) on my lawn tractor and rope Hannah while she was eating hay at the pasture crib. I had some three-eighths inch yellow nylon rope to lasso her with and stationed myself next to the crib as Hannah and Betsy were eating. Trouble was, the nylon rope proved too limber to make a good lasso. Every time I tried to rope Hannah, the rope just kind of flopped around and landed on the ground. When I tried hanging the loop over the top of the crib and down the side where she had to put her head in to get hay, Hannah took the rope in her mouth and knocked it down. Hmmm.

Well, Brother Rupert has some rope in his barn. I then borrowed his coil of one-inch hemp rope, about 50 feet of it. After fashioning a loop at one end, I had Mona loop the other end around a fence post, so she could hold the calf once I roped it. After about six failures, I finally got the loop around Hannah's neck, and away she went, until the rope was taut to the fence post. Then she braced both feet and leaned away, maintaining that position until the eyes were bugging out of her head, as the noose tightened around her neck. When she finally tired of that, she eased up a bit and allowed me to touch her, putting a dog leash chain around her neck, as her eyes gradually resumed their normal position. I then hooked the chain to the lawn tractor and retrieved the rope from the fence post, leaving the loop around Hannah's neck. Then, with Mona driving the tractor and me pulling with the rope, we slowly dragged Hannah to the barn, as she braced her feet, resisting every inch. Once we

got her in the barn, she eased up and went readily into the stall.

We then went to get mother cow, Betsy, who was now running around the pasture, bellowing and looking wild-eyed as she missed her calf. I began to have some second thoughts. But a dish of grain brought her to me, and I got two leash chains on her, one around her neck and the other hooked into her halter loop. I then hitched one of the chains to the tractor and held the other, hoping to repeat the procedure we used with Hannah. Trouble is, Betsy outweighed Mona, myself and the tractor combined, and she balked as we reached the road. The tractor tires spun helplessly. Only by coaxing, cajoling and waiting as Betsy eased up, allowing us to gain a few feet at a time, did we finally get her into the barn and a stall next to Hannah. Whew.

Greenwood City



by
Colista Morgan

One time of day of special interest to most of us is mail time. Our RFD boxes stand like exclamation points along miles of roads. No one who lives in cities or towns where a uniformed man trudges up to the door and deposits the mail can fully appreciate the meaning of the RFD box three or more miles from the village. Some of these receptacles will hold half a bushel of magazines and catalogues. Some boxes sit on posts, some are on the name of the farm and some are replicas of bird houses, but the humble, real, genuine box is the everyday sort of affair. It has a curved top to shed rain and it has a small flag that goes up to tell the carrier a letter is there for delivery. These boxes have served many years and passed some of the heartbeats of a nation. They are links in the chain that binds our nation into one people.

I received two pleasant surprises on the weekend before Christmas. The first was late Saturday afternoon. I heard voices and then my doorbell rang. I went to the door to greet ten or more of my nieces and nephews. They had come to wish me a happy Christmas. They made one, with their talk, laughter, songs and greetings plus gifts. To be greeted in that way gave me great joy. Thank you much.

Another surprise came on Sunday afternoon. Dale and Marcia Mills

came on the ferry across Penobscot Bay from North Haven to visit with me. That was a long ride. They, too, were a nephew and niece.

When I was at the hospital on Monday morning I was greeted by one of my pupils of many years ago, whom I did not recognize. That, too, brought joy. Time makes changes.

Rena Curtis had her family to gether a week early before Christmas. They met at Albert's.

Upton



by
Eleanor LeComte

As the Christmas Season winds down, we prepare for a new century and a new millennium. New

Year's resolutions are being compiled, only to be forgotten in a few weeks. The promise not to gain weight this year is of prime importance to those who spent the last two weeks "pigging out" on goodies. I do hope you enjoyed them as much as I did.

Family gatherings over Christmas were enjoyed by all. The Fysh family spent Christmas at their camp where skating, hockey and "close-to-shore" snowmobiling was enjoyed. Tara and Don Murray came up from the Cape to spend Christmas with Mom and Dad Nelson. Lucille and Earl Largesse hosted a family party for the relatives. The Clemens family, new to Mill Road, enjoyed their camp and the little snow that we had. Fred Bilodeau played Santa Claus and distributed meat pies to some very lucky people.

I received some very nice Christmas gifts, but a very small one really fascinated me. It is a tiny book on buttons. The history of buttons and a collection of anecdotes are contained in it. The introduction relates how such a simple useful object can be so important in our daily lives. Buttons hold memories for many people. Every household had a button can or jar. The contents hold many stories of days gone by. Buttons begin in life on babies' sleepers. Remember Doctor Denton's with the button flap in the rear? At the end of life in senior years remember that precious old cardigan that Gram and Grampa wore to keep the cold out and the warmth in. Do you recall the game Button, Button, who's got the button? Boy, that dates me. Dolls have buttons for eyes.

Some buttons are heirlooms. Military buttons of brass are saved as mementos of past wars. The word button is derived from the

French word "Bouton". Buttons last longer than the clothes they adorn. New York policemen wore copper buttons on their uniforms, hence the word "cops" or "coppers." You never miss a button until it's missing. Buttons have been used to play checkers and hopscotch. "Button up your overcoat or your lip." Brass buttons denote authority. You can "buttonhole" a person to get his attention. A "button clown" person is usually a fastidious conservative. If you've "lost your buttons," you may have lost your mind. There is a Button Island off the coast of Hingham Mass. Men's shirt buttons are on the right. Ladies' buttons are on the left. I think I should button up and wish you all a very Happy New Year.

We wish a speedy recovery to Liz Stanczyk, Merna Monroe, and Elsie Fuller.

The Bird of the Year is the Bald Eagle that has made such an impressive return to Lake Umbagog.

South Woodstock



by
Andrea Wing

Richard Goff of Rumford, with son Corey and daughter Jamie, and Jim Goff of Old Orchard

spent Christmas Eve with their parents/grandparents, Murrill and Elizabeth Blazier.

Jim Mason Sr. has returned home after an operation in a Portland hospital.

Thanks to the SDA church that gave me a nice fruit basket for Christmas. It was appreciated and enjoyed.

Those making the honor roll from this area this term are: THS: Lacy Phillips, Tricia Hadley; TSMS: Chea Davis, Darcy Tyler; OHCHS: Linsey Record and Jamie Monzo. Many of these students received high honors.

Johnny Cox has his truck outfitted with sander and is ready for the winter weather.

A very important person was missed on her birthday -- it was Murrill Blazier, whose birthday is in December, also.

We are so sorry to hear of the untimely death of Toby Heath. Toby is the son of Dottie and Ronnie Heath.

Pearl Cox Bowman is in the hospital in Norway.

After spending several years working at her job at Perhams, Joan Poland has retired. She says she now has time to do some of the things she didn't have time for before. Congratulations, Joan.

Larry Billings, curator, Woodstock Historical Society, reports that traditions are so important in America. They are part of our heritage. The society notes how nice Christmas decorations were everywhere in 1999.

Did you see the bright, full moon on Dec. 22? It was really something. It made me think of a song my grandfather, Abner Benson, used to sing many, many years ago. It goes: "My sweetheart's the man in the moon/I'm hoping to marry him soon./To give him one kiss, would fill me with bliss, but oh for a thousand I never would miss;/I'll go up in a great big balloon, and see my sweetheart the man in the moon./And behind a dark cloud where no one is allowed./I'll spoon with the man in the moon." This is the way I remember it anyway. Have a happy New Year.

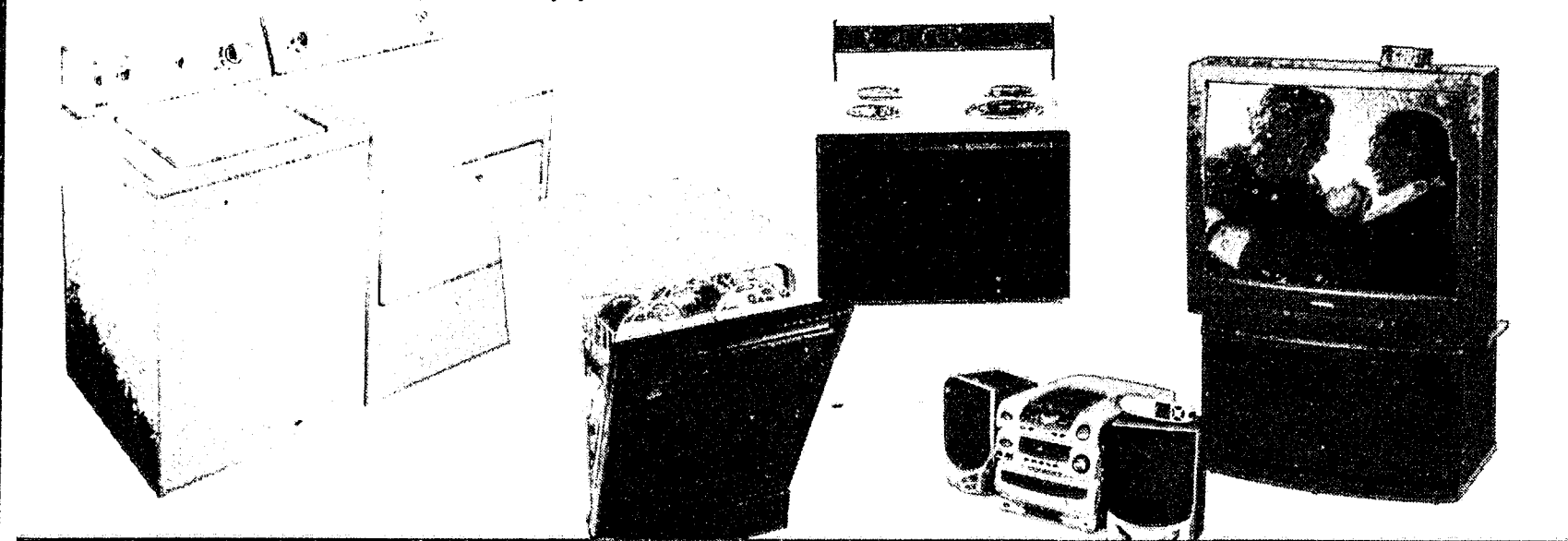
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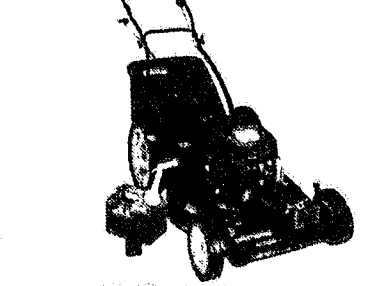
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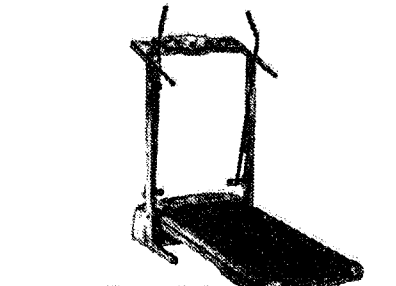
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Sunday River Valley



by
Rockie Graham

The holiday is over and it's beginning to look a little like winter here. A few flakes fell yesterday and I got to walk in the snow. Slim pickings, so far, this year.

I am glad that Christmas day was dry and sunny. It was a nice driving day, although traffic was light on our journey. Our biggest problem was that there were almost no restaurants open. In fact, our intention was brunch, and that was nowhere to be found in the Laco-nia-Tilton area. Finally, after driving around for almost an hour, we found one restaurant opening. That is where we went. Chinese food was our fortune for the day. It was actually a decent meal. Later, after noon, several other places appeared to be opening. Too late for us.

The Liming's house was occupied this weekend. It is great to see people coming and enjoying the Valley on the Holidays. By the number of cars, I'd say there was a good crowd there.

The rest of the Valley has been quiet. My walk yesterday did not get interrupted by too many cars careening down the valley. I was blessed to have a rather quiet time. There were only a few traveling at breakneck speeds. I am waiting for the police to actually patrol this section of road before someone gets killed by a high-speed driver hitting a runner or walker.

Friday is New Year's Eve and the beginning of the year 2000. Personally, I am heading for New Year's Bethel, and hope others are too. It is a great place and time to meet old friends. I hope you will all be there and we can meet, perhaps by the bonfire, or at one of the performances. If not, have a Happy and I'll see you next year.

From the Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

At a recent meeting of the Bethel Historical Society's Program Committee, it was decided to revise the organization's programming format in light of the wide range of activities sponsored each year. In the early days, the primary focus of the society was the monthly meeting, but as time has passed, a diverse number of activities have been added. In light of this development and with the establishment earlier this year of the Regional History Center, it appears the appropriate time to make some changes, which will highlight the society's new focus. As the organization moves into a new era, a wider variety of activities will be offered, including exhibit openings, conferences, lectures, seminars, and educational activities for all ages.

With this in mind, the programming for 2000 will represent a departure from the past. Instead of monthly meetings for the first four months of the new century, there will be a course offered in Bethel's past, which will focus on the broad themes of a particular era.

The course will be structured to allow participants to hear commentary on each century by a panel of local and regional historians (Margaret Joy Tibbetts, Rosalind Chapman, Randall Bennett, John Brown, Stan Howe among others), who have spent many years studying the town's past. Participants will be encouraged to explore a variety of questions with the panel. Texts for the course will be Randall Bennett's "Bethel, Maine: An Illustrated History" (1991) and William B. Lapham's "History of Bethel" (1981

edition), which will be offered to anyone taking the course at a 10 percent discount.

The first session will be held at the Robinson House on Broad Street at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 25, and will focus on 18th century Bethel. The following month, Feb. 29, the topic will be 19th century Bethel. On March 28, the 20th century past will be discussed. A historical tour of the town will be the final session. It will take place (weather permitting) on Saturday, April 29, during the day.

Registration is open to anyone interested. Those new to the town are especially encouraged to participate, as it will be an opportunity to become acquainted with the past by listening to the discussion at each session and being able to question the panel on particular historical points of interest. Course fees for Bethel Historical Society members will be \$10 per person. For non-members, the fee will be \$20. Please call the society office at (207) 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910 to register or use the e-mail address: history @ bdc.bethel.me.us).

From the Greenwood Historical Society

The Greenwood Historical Society held a potluck Christmas dinner Dec. 1, with an auction of presents following.

Officers elected for the new year are: president, Blaine Mills; vice president, John Davis; secretary, Joyce Hathaway; treasurer, Joan Kimball; trustees -- Jeanette Kimball, Roger Twitchell, Denise Swan, Ron Estes, Ken Wakefield and Ivan Morey.

Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month starting at 7 p.m.

A New Year's Dance will be held from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Locke Mills Town Hall, with music by the Felt Orchestra. There will be a buffet lunch at 10 p.m.

From the Oxford Pomona Grange

The Dec. 7 meeting of Oxford Pomona Grange was hosted by Oxford Grange at their hall in Welchville. This was the annual Christmas meeting, but instead of exchanging gifts members brought donations of grocery items to help replenish the supplies at the food pantry in Bethel.

With two visitors from Androscoggin Pomona, the attendance was 43. Oxford Grange narrowly defeating Franklin Grange of Bryant Pond for the attendance banner. Between them they had 26, or more than half of those present.

Laura Hutchins resigned as chaplain and Lucille Robbins was elected to take her place for the remainder of the year. The secretary, Gail Butterfield, was kept very busy as members were paying their dues, in order to get the pass-word for the coming year.

Stan Howe presented the lecturer's program beginning with the opening thought that man has three ways to ruin: women, gambling and farming. A rousing rendering of "Jingle Bells" by everyone was followed by five members pantomiming titles to five well-known Christmas songs. Taking part were Russell Yates, Connie Tutlis, Al-thea Fish, Gail Butterfield and Richard Felt, while the rest tried to guess what song each was trying to portray. Two other quizzes followed in which members tried to name Christmas songs according to clues given. The mystery march was won by Rose Dyke, Hazel Conant, Lucille Robbins and Connie Tutlis. The program concluded

with everyone singing "Joy to the World."

Resolutions of Respect were read for a long-time member, Floribel Haines, who died recently.

There will be no meetings of Oxford Pomona in January and February. The March 7 meeting will be hosted by Rumford Grange 115 at their hall in Rumford Center. There will be a 6:30 p.m. supper. The 7:30 meeting will include a program for Music Night.

From the Jackson-Silver Auxiliary

In late morning on Dec. 9 a bus arrived at the Legion Hall on Gore Road carrying 35 veteran patients, including three ladies, from Togus VA hospital and Augusta area boarding homes. The driver and three staff members accompanied them. They were greeted by 18 members of the Post and Auxiliary, one VFW member and four non-member volunteers.

The Richard Felt Band, three of them also veterans, entertained for a while with a mix of Christmas songs and old-time tunes. As their toes started tapping, some of the patients got up and asked Unit members to dance, which they did. It was hard to tell who was having more fun, the patients or the volunteers.

At noon, a chicken pie dinner with veggies, cranberry sauce, biscuits and pies was served, and in spite of large beginning servings some came back for seconds -- compliments to the cooks.

An hour of bingo playing followed with prizes furnished by the Post, and at 2 p.m. all returned to the bus for the trip back to Augusta. Each was carrying a Christmas bag filled with small gifts and goodies from the Auxiliary. Everyone was anxious for a repeat of this trip, but agreed to try to have it earlier in the fall next time, as such a nice traveling day could not be guaranteed in December. This year the event was planned to take the place of the usual family Christmas party of Post and Unit.

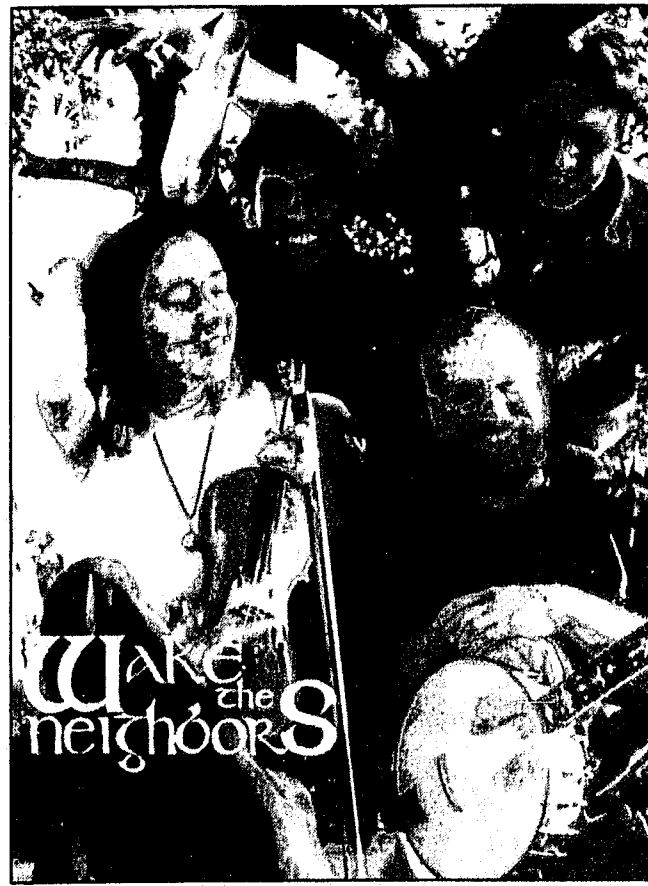
At the Dec. 2 meeting of Post and Unit the lighting of the Christmas trees on the grounds of the Legion Hall took place. Through the month people may still purchase lights in memory of or in honor of a veteran or member of his immediate family.

Also at the recent meeting a letter was received thanking the Junior Auxiliary members for remembering the residents at the Western Maine Veterans Home with Veterans Day cards. The Unit is still trying to interest a member, or someone who would like to become a member, in assisting with the Junior activities programs. A meeting of Juniors will take place at 2 p.m. on Dec. 29, to plan for the annual New Year's Eve Party they give each year at the Veterans Home in South Paris.

Two members recently assisted at the Gift Shop at the Western Maine Veterans Home on Dec. 4. This is something that takes place each year at the five veterans homes in Maine and at Togus. The Legion Auxiliary Units and other groups purchase gifts for all age groups and each sex or furnish money that is used to purchase gifts. These are put on display and the residents are brought to the room to select gifts (for free) for their loved ones. These are then wrapped by the volunteers and mailed if necessary. The rest are kept at the home and given out by the residents at the yearly Christmas party or whenever their families visit.

The next scheduled meeting of Post and Auxiliary is Jan. 6 at 7 p.m.

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From the West Paris Fire Department

The West Paris Fire Department held their annual meeting and election of officers recently with the following results: fire command officers -- nomination of chief and forest fire warden, Craig Moore; first deputy chief, Mike Akers; second deputy chief, Hartley "Skip" Mowatt; captain, Jim Todd; lieutenant, Rick Cook; administrative officers -- president, Ken Bacon; vice president, Vance Bacon; secretary/treasurer, James Todd; training officer, Mike Akers; communications officer, Ken Bacon; fire prevention officer, Skip Mowatt; maintenance officer, Rick Cook; junior firefighter supervisor, Mike Akers; deputy forest fire wardens, Mike Akers and Dian Stimson; traffic control division, Gordon Dillingham and Ron Dillingham; firefighters -- Ellis Ellingwood, Vernon Inman, Milton Inman, James Hutchinson, Doug Penley, Mike Allen, Greg Durgin, Tom Spears; dispatcher, Connie Bacon; auxiliary officers -- president, Laurie Allen; vice president,

WAKE THE NEIGHBORS with both traditional and non-traditional instruments creating an exciting sound with the irresistible beat and infectious flavor of Celtic music will be one of eight choices of entertainment at four locations available at the annual New Year's Bethel celebration on Dec. 31. This family-oriented, chemical-free event, sponsored by the Bethel Historical Society with assistance from the Mahoosuc Arts Council and the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, will feature a wide variety of entertainment for all tastes and ages. Festivities will begin at 6 p.m. with the lighted vehicle parade and the lighting of the community bonfire. Performances ranging from New Orleans jazz to country, music to Maine humor will begin at 7 p.m. There will be a food court for snacks at the Dr. Moses Mason House and fireworks at midnight will cap the end of the 1990s. The drawing for the heilloom quilt as well as the kick-off for the 2000 Snowmen Festival will also take place during the evening. Tickets in the form of buttons are now available at the society's Museum Shop on Broad Street, at the Citizen office, at the Chamber of Commerce, and at Maine Line Products. For further information, please call (207) 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910.

Janice Akers; secretary, Lolalee Dillingham; treasurer, Connie Bacon; auxiliary members -- Teal Hutchinson, Brydie Kane and Kim Inman; junior firefighter officers -- president, Walter Inman Jr.; vice president, Joe Hakala; secretary/treasurer, Corey Desgi Seilliers.

Chief Moore updated the members on the status of the new fire truck. If all goes well, the new truck hopefully will be delivered and in service by May. With the two primary pumpers at 20 and 30 years old respectively, this addition to the department is sorely needed. Also, copies of the department's itemized budget will be available to any resident who would like to see in detail what funds and equipment are needed to maintain our ability to respond to emergencies. The chief advised that most of the equipment made available by the Maine Forest Service grant has arrived and will be placed into service to upgrade our forestry truck and Jeep.

Chief Moore also wishes to remind the residents of West Paris that smoke detectors have approximately a 10-year life span. People should take the detector when placed in service and replace

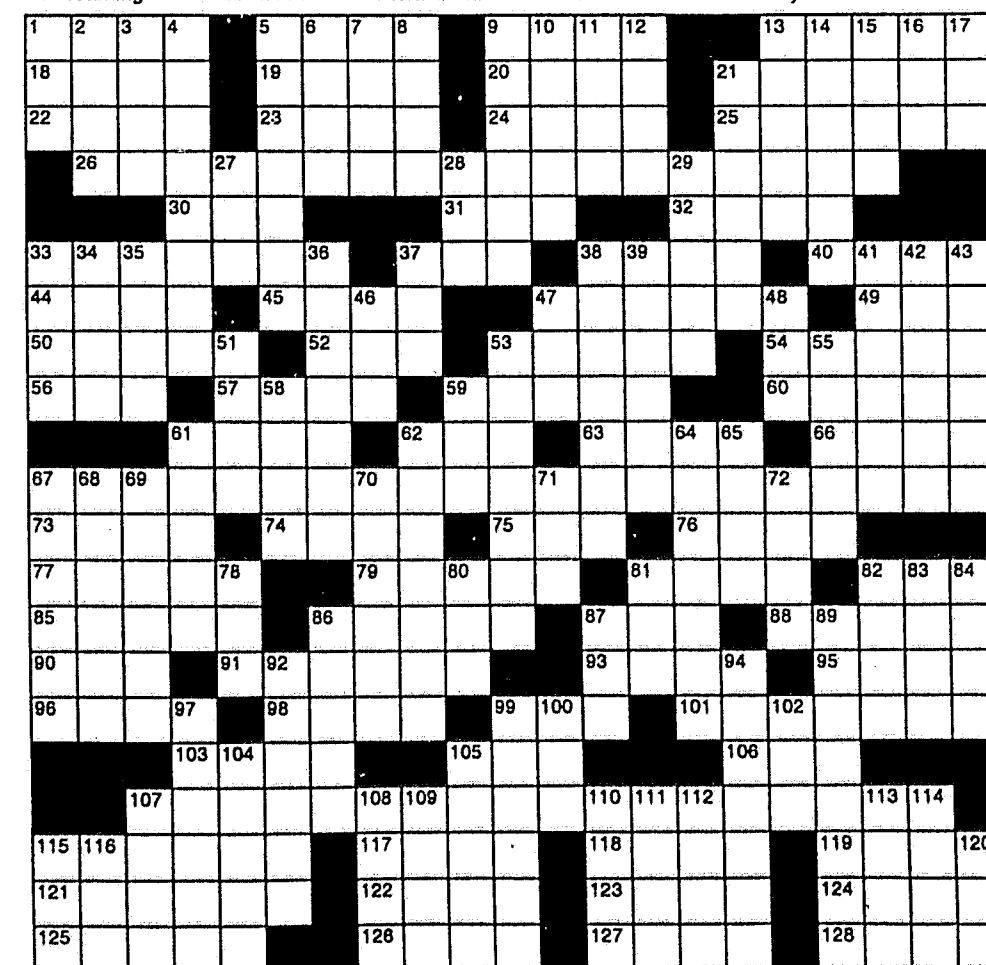
it near the end of its life span.

Outgoing Chief Gary Latno was given a heartfelt thanks and a big round of applause for all his work the last three years as chief, stepping up to the plate and filling the position when former chief, Phil Edmunds, retired. Gary was also a former firefighter, deputy chief and training officer for several years before that and he was instrumental in getting our new truck ordered. This meeting marked his last day of membership, as he is in the process of moving out of town. Thanks, Gary, for all your work and dedication.

The fire department, junior firefighters and auxiliary are always looking for volunteers. Whether a person is interested in firefighting, dispatching or in more of a support role such as the auxiliary or keeping the firefighters supplied with food or drink at an extended incident, we need him/her to help. Anyone who would like to learn more about our junior firefighter program, auxiliary, our department or firefighting in general is welcome to contact the chief at 674-2107 or attend our firefighters' meetings held the first and third Tuesdays of every month at 7 p.m. at the West Paris Fire Station on Kingsberry Street.

Super Crossword

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| 1 Drinks like a dachshund | 50 Pianist Gould | 95 Marble feature | 7 Type of shoe | 39 Descend upon | 83 Lingerie item |
| 5 Faction | 52 Luau | 96 Weaver's need | 8 Basil or Morrison | 41 Michener opus | 84 School supplies |
| 9 Plays for | 53 Viceroy | 98 Mellow hand | 9 Lend a hand | 42 Post Amy | 85 Unearth |
| 13 Macadamizes | 54 Swerves | 101 Part 4 of remark | 10 Metallic sound | 43 Atelier items | 89 Schubert song |
| 18 Modern Mesopotamia | 56 Wapiti | 103 Beige | 11 Sharp taste | 46 Police acronym | 92 '65 Paul Newman film |
| 19 Holy rumble | 57 Sicilian | 105 Beige | 12 Rushed | 47 Opera's Mario | 94 Car part |
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| 23 Thames town | 62 Team scream | 117 Dr. -- (Austin Powers' nemesis) | 16 Photographic abbr. | 55 Kind of pudding | 102 Baby butter |
| 24 Rational | 63 Isinglass | 118 Poverty | 17 For instance | 58 Peter of reggae | 104 Circus sights |
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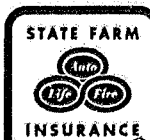
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- Jan 2 Western Europe (Spain, Portugal, France)
- Jan 3 Central Italy (Tuscan)
- Jan 4 India and Pakistan
- Jan 5 Malaysia and Indonesia
- Jan 6 Thailand, Vietnam, and Cambodia
- Jan 7 China and Mongolia
- Jan 8 Palatinus, Baked Onions, Spicy Kebab
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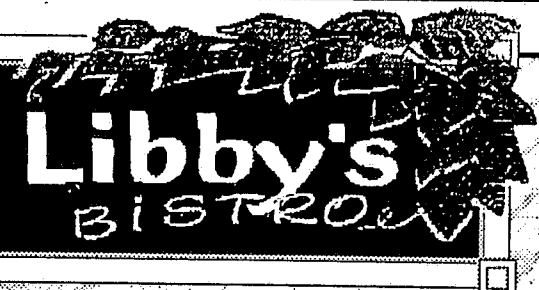
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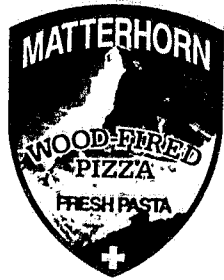
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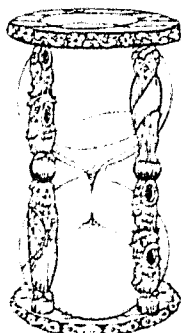
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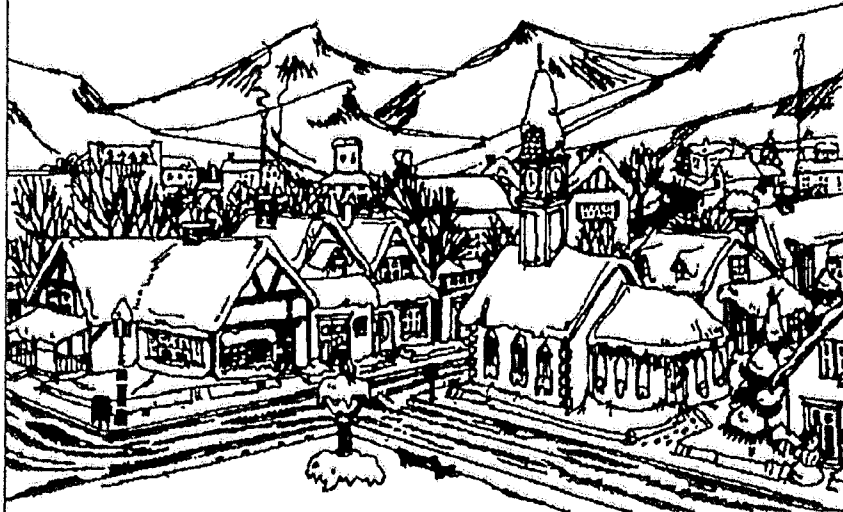
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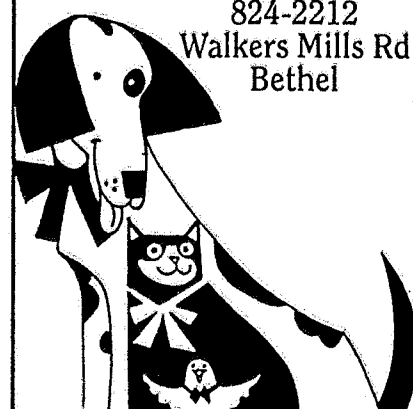
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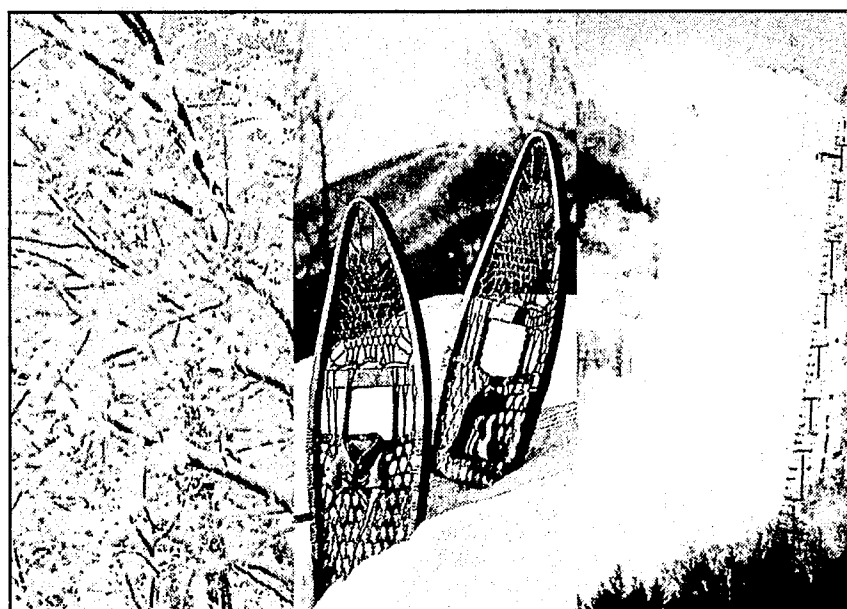
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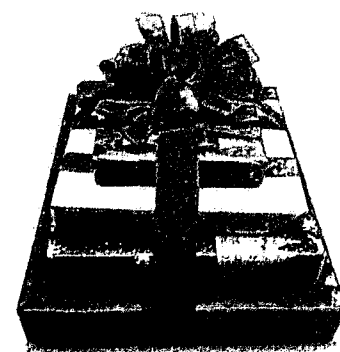
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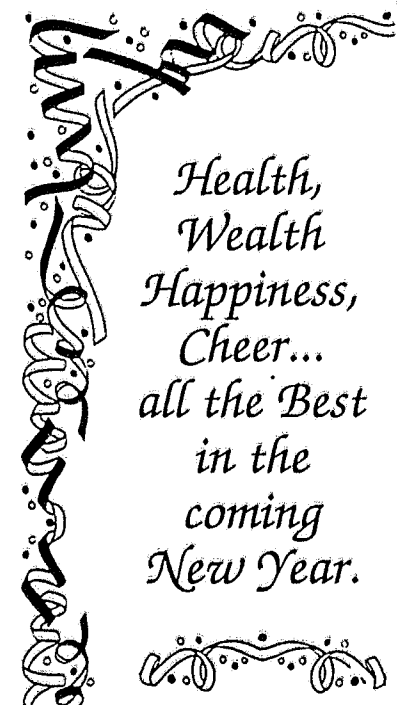
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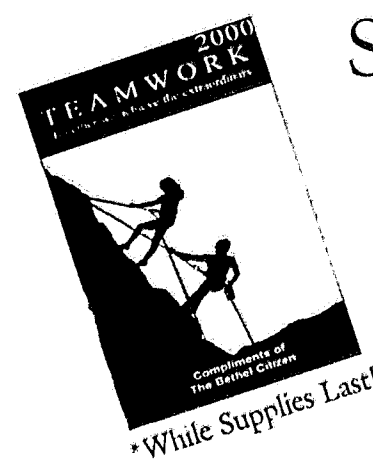
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Community Calendar

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Art Show—Jan 3-Feb. 4, at G.R.A.M.I. administrative office, Congress Street, Rumford, the artwork of local artist Carmen Trice will be featured. Meet the artist on opening night, Jan. 6, at 6 p.m.

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m. Afterschool program, Tuesdays 3:15 p.m. Story hour for preschoolers, Thursdays, 2-3 p.m. Tel. 392-4841.
Bethel Library: Monday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Tuesday, 1-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1-8 p.m.; Thursday 1-5 p.m.; Friday, 1-8 p.m.; Saturday, 9-1 p.m. Story Hour for preschoolers, Thursday, 10-11 a.m. (September through May). Michelle Conroy, Librarian. 824-2520.
Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505. Library hours: Tues., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wed., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Thurs., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Fri., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday, 11:30-5:30; Saturday, 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 p.m. Tel. 743-2980.
West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1:30-7 p.m.; Friday, 1:30-5 p.m. 674-2004.
Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 10-12 through July and August. Story Hour, 10:30 a.m.
Upton Library: Saturdays, 9-11 a.m.

Church Services

Bethel
West Parish Congregational—Rev. Brendon Bass and Rev. Jean Bass, 10:30 a.m. worship and Sunday School. Nursery care provided. Prayer, Tues., 8 a.m.
Church of the Nazarene—Rev. John Grant, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school (2 hours, including recreation activities; call 836-2490 for transportation). 10:30 a.m. morning worship. 6 p.m. evening service.
Our Lady of the Snows—Mass—Saturday, 5 p.m. Dec. 25 thru March. 743-2606.
Bethel Alliance Church—Rev. Richard Mowery, 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. worship service. 6 p.m. evening service. 824-2289.
United Methodist—Rev. Walter Brown, Pastor, 9 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. (all ages welcome).
West Bethel Union—Rev. John Williams, 9 a.m. worship and church school.
Pleasant Valley Bible—Pastor Clifford McMullen, 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. worship. 836-2828.
Episcopal House Church—at Bohrs' on 38 Chapman Street, 4 p.m., third Sunday of the month (824-2913).
Church of Christ—at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mill Road (Rt. 26), Bethel. Worship at 10 a.m. Sunday, Bible study at 11 a.m. 824-3577.
Mahoosuc Mountain Friends—a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers)—Sunday 9:30 a.m. at 558 E. Bethel Rd. Newcomers welcome. First Day School activities provided for children. Call Marie Hickey (875-2257) for more info.
Woodstock
Bryant Pond Baptist—Rev. Peter Laites, 9:15 a.m. Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. worship service, 6 p.m. evening service. 665-3133.
Woodstock Seventh-day Adventist—Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.
Unitarian Universalist—First and third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m.

Andover

First Congregational Church—Pastor Jane Rich, 10 a.m. Sunday worship service. Religious education: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15 p.m.
Calvary Congregational Church—Winter hours: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., morning worship service 10:45 a.m. Wed. night, Bible study and prayer meeting, 6:45 p.m. Route 5, S. Andover, Rev. Duane Waite. 392-1121.

Locke Mills

Locke Mills Union—Rev. Deborah M. Jenks, 9 a.m. worship and Sunday school.

East Stoneham

East Stoneham Congregational—Rev. Janice Wilcox, 10 a.m. worship in February, April, June, August, October and December. 9 a.m. church school (Oct.-June).

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Newry Community Church—Sunday worship service, 9 a.m. Rodney H. Hanscom, pastor.

Albany

Congregational Church - Hunt's Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School; Bible study Tues. 7 p.m.; Pastor Eddie Gammon.

Norway/Paris

Christian Science Society (9 Stevens St.)—Sunday Service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony Service 7:30 p.m. Call 824-4099 for info.
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church—Route 117N, S. Paris, Pastor Tom Teichmann. Sunday Morning Service 9 a.m. with coffee fellowship immediately after.
West Paris Baptist—Pastor Gordon DeHaas. Sunday worship 9 a.m., 6:45 p.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
North Paris Baptist—Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.
Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers)—Sunday worship 9:30 a.m., Children's program, 9:40 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris. Call 583-2780 for more information.

Rumford Point

Rumford Point Church—Sunday service, Sunday School, 6 p.m. Dec. 5, 12, 19. Rev. Deborah Jenks.

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Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

Exchanges

District Exchange—Open every Monday 1-4 p.m., Thursday, 4-6 p.m. and every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ethel Bisbee School, Bethel. Clothing on sale, food available for those in need.

Abused Women's Advocacy Project

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Alcohol/Drug Treatment

Gateway Recovery Services—Outpatient counseling services available at Bethel Family Health Center, Mondays and Wednesdays. For info. call 207-743-7580.

Veterans' Services

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first and third Wednesday each month, 9 to 12 noon (743-6300); Rumford Employ. Sec. Bldg. (364-3718), second and fourth Thursday, 9 to 12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 200 Main St., 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

Monthly Meetings

First Sunday: Bethel Snow Twisters Club meets at Clayton Crockett's at 7 p.m. September through April.
Every Sunday: Western Mountains Meditation Group, Center for Natural Healing, 47 Pioneer Street, West Paris, 9:30 a.m. 674-3961.
First Monday: V.F.W., Lions' Hall, Bethel, 7 p.m. 824-2587.
First and Third Monday: Bethel Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.
Vegetarian Eating Group meets at Cafe DiCocoa in Bethel from 5-7 p.m. Everyone welcome. For more info call 824-JAVA.
Newry Fire Department monthly meetings: first Monday, 7 p.m., at Sunday River Station; third Monday, 7 p.m., Bear River Station. Anyone interested please stop by the stations for a meeting.
Second Monday: Newry Mother's Club meets, 7:30 p.m.
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, J. Grover Tent #17, Bryant Pond, JR Grange Hall, 7 p.m. For more info. call 665-2460.
Fibromyalgia Syndrome- Chronic Fatigue Syndrome meeting, Bethel Family Health Center, 7 p.m. For info. call 824-3232.
Ellis River Riders meet at Andover Fire Station, 7 p.m.
Second and Fourth Monday: SAD44 Board of Directors meets in Bethel, Woodstock or Andover at 7:30 p.m. Call 824-2185 for meeting place.
The Gilead Fire Department meets at the Fire Station at 7 p.m.
Bethel Airport Authority, 7 p.m. Call town office for meeting place in Feb. and March.
Every Monday: Mahoosuc Music Makers rehearsal, 7-9 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church (downstairs).
Grief group (for the loss of a loved one) meets from 6-8 p.m. in the conference room of the Bethel Family Health Center.
First Tuesday: Woodstock Planning Board meets at 7 p.m. at Town Office.
Upton selectmen meet at 7 p.m. at Town Office.
Windy Valley Snowmobile Club meets at Newry Town Office, 7 p.m.
Western Maine Knitters Guild meets at Christ Church, Norway, 10 a.m. to noon.
First and Third Tuesday: Woodstock Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 5 p.m.
Greenwood Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 5 p.m.
The Greater Rumford Alliance for the Mentally Ill-Children and Adolescent Network (GRAMI-CAN) Support, education and advocacy. Meets in the former St. John's rectory from 6:30-8 p.m. in Rumford. Contact Diane at 369-0542.
The Bethel Lions Club meets at the Lions Den on Main Street at 7 p.m.
Bethel Area Promise Keepers, 7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.
Second Tuesday: Mundt-Allen Post, American Legion, meeting at 7:30 p.m. Supper starts at 6:30 p.m.
Telstar Alumni Association meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Telstar Library.
Second and Fourth Tuesday: Woodstock Planning Board meets at 7 p.m.
Ladies' Bible Fellowship, 7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.
Third Tuesday: Pine Tree Legal Assistance at Bethel Area Health Center, starting at 10 a.m.
Every Tuesday: Bethel Rotary Club meets at The Bethel Inn, 7:30 a.m.
Andover Board of Selectmen meets at the Town office, 7 p.m.
Newry Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 9 a.m.
Cross-Country Quilters meet at the Bethel Library from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
First Wednesday: Purity Chapter 102, OES, 6:30 supper, 7:30 meeting.
Greenwood Historical Society meets at the Society Building, Main St., Locke Mills, 7:30 p.m.
Bethel Area Arachnes Spinning Group, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church. Potluck luncheon.
Western Maine Foothills Toastmasters, 6:30 p.m., Dirigo High School, Dixfield. Call 562-4931 for info.
Second Wednesday: CPS/PTA meets from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Babysitting provided.
Gilead selectmen meet at Town Office, 7 p.m. Tax collector also holds hours.
First and Third Wednesday: Newry Planning Board, Town Office, 7 p.m.
Second and Fourth Wednesday: Bethel Planning Board meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.
Fourth Wednesday: Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, H.F. Richardson Tent #19, East Stoneham, K of P Hall, 7 p.m. For more info. call 928-2611.
Women's Fellowship, West Parish Congregational Church, Garland Chapel, Bethel, 9:30 a.m.
Jefferson Chapter, 89, OES, Bryant Pond, 6:30 p.m.; refreshments, 7:30 meeting. (Except July and Aug.)
Every Wednesday: TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:45-7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.
First Thursday: United Methodist Women meet at the Bethel Methodist Church at 1 p.m.
Bethel Historical Society, Dr. Moses Mason House, 7:30 p.m.
Second Thursday: Board of Directors of Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce meets at Crescent Park School conference room, 7:30 a.m.
Newry Fire Auxiliary meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.
Bethel Lodge #97, AF & AM.
First and Third Thursday: Jackson-Silver Post, Locke Mills, 7 p.m.
Fourth Thursday: Bethel Area Poets Society Reading, 7 to 9 p.m. Call 824-3427 for more info.
Every Thursday: Andover Water District Board of Directors meets at 7 p.m. at 28 S. Main St. (Next meeting Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m.)
West Paris Board of Selectmen meet at the Town Office, 6:30 p.m.
Middle and High School Youth Groups, 6:30 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.
First Friday: The Oxford County Mineral and Gem Association meets at 7 p.m. at the Newry home of Norman and Eleanor Davis, 824-2844.
Third Friday: Mt. Abram Lodge, IOOF, 7:30 p.m.
Every Friday: Game Party at Jackson-Silver Post No. 68, Gore Road, Locke Mills, 6 p.m.
First Saturday: Western Maine Mountain Jeepers meet at 7 p.m. at Bethel Fire Station.
St. Andrews Society meeting, 10 a.m., Harvest House, Lisbon (business meeting with lunch).
Second Saturday: Woodstock Historical Society meets at 7 p.m. in historical society museum. Open to public.
Last Saturday: Upton Planning Board meets at 9 a.m. at the Town Office.
Seasonal only:
Every Saturday: Bethel Farmers' Market, Bethel Area Health Center parking lot, 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Locally grown produce and local goods.
Items for the Community Calendar may be brought to The Bethel Citizen office or mailed in or phoned in at 824-2444. The deadline is Monday noon.

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Television Listings

THURSDAY EVENING DECEMBER 30, 1999										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	NHL Hockey: Boston Bruins at Ottawa Senators						WWF Smackdown!			
(32)	Boss?	Random	Random	Random	Random	Random	Random	Random	700 Club	
(6)	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Friends	Jesse	Frasier	Stark	ER		News	
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Whose?	Whose?	More Bloopers		20/20 Downtown		News	
(10)	News-Lehrer		Maine	Made In	Mystery!		Rumpole of the Bailey		Road Predators	
(22)	Bowl	College Football: Peach Bowl -- Clemson vs. Mississippi State							Sportscenter	
(34)	Waltons		Movie: "Dead Man's Island"				Country Music		Dallas	
(13)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	Greatest Sports Moments	48 Hours					News	
(41)	New England Tailgate	Football	NBA Action	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Denver Nuggets					Celtics	
(15)	"Quicksilver" Cont'd	Inside the NFL		Dennis Miller		Sopranos			Sopranos	
(17)	Movie: "P.U.N.K.S."		Fantasia	"And You Thought Your Parents Were Weird"			B Wilched-Five			
(18)	In the Line of Duty		Movie: "Kickboxer 2: The Road Back"		Movie: "U.S. Marshals"					
(20)	Front Row	College Basketball: Massachusetts at Providence			College Basketball		College Basketball: LSU vs. Okla. St.			
(44)	Intimate Portrait	Chicago Hope		Movie: "She Said No"			Golden		Golden	
(5)	College Football: Micron PC Bowl -- Illinois vs. Virginia					Chimp	Movie: "Men at Work"			
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Thomberries	Skeeter	WonderYr	WonderYr	WonderYr	WonderYr	WonderYr	WonderYr
(25)	Charlie Chan-Darkness		Movie: "The Manchurian Candidate"				Movie: "The Long Gray Line"			
(26)	JAG		Walker, Texas Ranger		Movie: "Carillo's Way"				Ranger	
(27)	Law & Order		Biography		Investigative Reports		American Justice		Law & Order	
(12)	Full House	Caroline		Movie: "Can You Feel Me Dancing?"			News		MacGyver	
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	World Today		Larry King Live		Newsstand		Sports	Moneyline

FRIDAY EVENING DECEMBER 31, 1999										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	Movie: "Dying to Live"				Three Stooges			
(32)	Backstreet	Random	Random	Random	Random	Random	Random	Random	700 Club	
(6)	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Dateline		Millennium Special				News	
(8)	ABC 2000	News	ABC 2000						News	ABC 2000
(10)	Millennium 2000 Cont'd	Millennium 2000							Millennium 2000	
(22)	College Football: Liberty Bowl		College Football: Independence Bowl -- Mississippi vs. Oklahoma							
(34)	Motor Madness		Extreme Wrestling		Rollerjam: Ill.		Rollerjam		Motor Madness	
(13)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	Late Show		Grammy's Greatest		America's Millennium		News	Millennium
(41)	College Hockey: Great Lakes Invitational Championship -- Teams TBA						New England Tailgate		Last Word: Newsmakers	
(15)	Inside the NFL		Movie: "Why Do Fools Fall in Love"				Movie: "There's Something About Mary"			
(17)	Zoog2k: Zoogin' New Yearz Eve Party Cont'd						Zoog2k: Zoogin' New Yearz Eve Party			
(18)	"Hope Floats" Cont'd		Movie		Scenes		Movie: "Judgment Night"			
(20)	Front Row	Equestrian: Bank of Montreal Nations' Cup			Front Row		FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News	
(44)	"Hit and Run" Cont'd		"A Woman Scorned: The Betty Broderick Story"				"Her Final Fury: Betty Broderick the Last Chapter"			
(5)	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Andy Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	
(24)	Cartoons	Strange	Spongebob	Catdog	Kenan-Kel	Eddie	Chalk Zone	Beavers	Kablani	Nicktoons
(25)	"Bringing Up Baby"		Movie: "Pardners"		The Dentist		Movie: "A Shot in the Dark"			
(26)	JAG		Walker, Texas Ranger		Movie: "Sudden Death"				WWF Eve of Destruction	
(27)	Law & Order		Biography of the Millennium: 100 People... 1,000 Years							
(12)	Full House	Caroline	Movie: "Perry Mason Returns"				News		Millennium	Countdown
(39)	Continuing Millennium Coverage				Larry King Live		Continuing Millennium Coverage			

SATURDAY EVENING JANUARY 1, 2000										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Movie: "The Mosquito Coast"				Blind Date		Mad	Star Trek: Voyager
(32)	Movie: "Cloned" Cont'd		Movie: "The Lake"				Movie: "Reunion"			
(6)	Fam. Feud	Seinfeld	Movie: "Jurassic Park"				Nat'l. Geo.		News	Sat. Night
(8)	College Football		College Football: Orange Bowl -- Alabama vs. Michigan							
(10)	Made In	Opinion	Great Performances		Antiques Roadshow		Antiques		Red Green	Red Dwarf
(22)	Magazine	NFL 2Night	Cheerleading		Figure Skating: Professional Championship				Sportscenter	
(34)	"Dead Man's Island"	Opry	Grand Opry	George Jones		Mandrell		Opry	Grand Opry	
(13)	ER		Movie: "The Bodyguard"						News	
(41)	Magic Bird	College Hockey: Hockey East Semi. -- Boston Coll. vs. Maine					FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News	
(15)	"Tommy Boy" Cont'd		Movie: "Jawbreaker"			Cher: Live in Concert		Movie: "Moonstruck"		
(17)	So Weird	So Weird	Movie: "Teen Witch"			Movie: "Halloween Town"		MusicVids	Jersey	
(18)	"The X-Files" Cont'd		Movie: "Predator"			Movie: "Soldier"			O Lita 2000	
(20)	NHL Hockey: New Jersey Devils at Boston Bruins				Bruins		ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews
(4)	Voices Within		Movie: "Fine Things"						Almost Golden	
(5)	"City Slickers" Cont'd		Movie: "The Naked Gun 2 1/2: The Smell of Fear"			Movie: "Dragnet"				
(24)	Nickellennium Cont'd				Nickellennium					
(25)	"Don't Drink the Water"		Movie: "The Nutty Professor"			Movie: "Casino Royale"				
(26)	"Barb Wire" Cont'd		Movie: "Bird on a Wire"			Movie: "Casino"				
(27)	"Bonnie and Clyde"		Biography		Murder, She Wrote				Top 10	
(12)	Fresh Pr.	Ill. Luckiest	Movie: "Pontiac Moon"				News		Bzzz!	DeathWish
(39)	Capital	Millennium	World Today		Larry King Weekend		Continuing Millennium Coverage			

SUNDAY EVENING JANUARY 2, 2000										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Frasier	Frasier	Movie: "Roswell: The Aliens Attack"				WCW World		Battle Dome	
(32)	Movie: "Free Fall" Cont'd		Movie: "Avalanche"				Movie: "Columbo: Agenda for Murder"			
(6)	Dateline		Third Watch		Movie: "The Saint"				News	Big Break
(8)	Best Commercials-Never		College Football: Fiesta Bowl -- Nebraska vs. Tennessee						News	
(10)	Anyplace	Anyplace	Nature		Masterpiece Theatre				Mystery!	
(22)	Sportsctr.	NFL Primetime		NHL Hockey: San Jose Sharks at Chicago Blackhawks					Sportscenter	
(34)	Fishin'	Fishing	Outdoor	Grigsby	Bull Riding		Bull Riding		Outdoors	Car
(13)	60 Minutes		Touched by an Angel		Beyond the Prairie-True Story of Laura Ingalls Wilder				News	
(41)	Boxing: Sunday Night Fights -- Best of Fight Time		Goin' Deep				FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News	
(15)	Crocodile	Movie: "Doctor Dolittle"		Sopranos			Sopranos		Sopranos	
(17)	So Weird	Gargoyles	Darkwing	Bonkers	Walt Disney Presents		Walt Disney Presents		Walt Disney Presents	
(18)	"Rapid Fire" Cont'd		Movie: "Body Heat"				Movie: "Road Ends"			
(20)	Fan Attic				ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews
(44)	Movie: "In a Child's Name" Cont'd						Any Day Now		Beyond Chance	
(5)	The Spy Who Loved Me		Movie: "Die Hard"						Movie: "Die Hard"	
(24)	Strange	Alex Mack	Little Bill	Nick News	To Be Announced					
(25)	Long, Hot	Screen	Movie: "In Harm's Way"						5 Million Years	
(26)	WWF Sunday Night Heat		WWF Eve of Destruction		JAG		La Femme Nikita		Law & Order	
(27)	"Cadillac Man" Cont'd		Biography				Biography			
(12)	Movie: "Mr. Destiny"				MacGyver		News		Replay	Bzzz!
(39)	Millennium Coverage		World Today		Millennium Coverage		Moneyline		Continuing Millennium Coverage	

MONDAY EVENING JANUARY 3, 2000										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	Moesha	Parkers	Grown Ups	Malcolm	Star Trek: Voyager		Mad	Mathis
(32)	Boss?	Random	Movie: "The Haunting of Seaciff Inn"				Famous Families		700 Club	
(6)	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Suddenly	Suddenly	Law & Order		Dateline		News	
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	20/20		NFL Football: San Francisco 49ers at Atlanta Falcons					
(10)	News-Lehrer		Antiques Roadshow		American Experience					
(22)	Monday Night Countdown				Gymnastics: Rock 'n' Roll				Cheerlead	ESPNNews
(34)	Waltons		Homestead				Players		Dallas	
(13)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	King	Ladies Man	Raymond	Becker	Most Fascinating Women		News	
(41)	NBA Basketball: Cleveland Cavaliers at Boston Celtics				Sports		FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News	
(15)	"Ever After" Happily		Movie: "Three Men and a Baby"		Girl		Movie: "Diplomatic Siege"			
(17)	Movie: "Genius"				Movie: "Under Wraps"		MusicVids		Movie: "Not Quite Human II"	
(18)	Movie: "Rudy" Cont'd				Movie: "The Postman"				Kickboxer 2	
(20)	Front Row	Rinkside	Sports	Interview	Sports	Front Row	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Beyond Chance		Movie: "A House of Secrets and Lies"		Golden		Golden	
(5)	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Movie: "Silent Predators"				Wildlife Adventures		Movie: "Jaws 2"	
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Thomberries	Rocket	Brady	Brady	All in Family	Jeffersons	I Love Lucy	M.T. Moore
(25)	"Full of Life" Cont'd		Fashion		Movie: "Rome Adventure"				Movie: "My Bodyguard"	
(26)	JAG		Walker, Texas Ranger		WWF Raw		WWF War Zone		Walker, Texas Ranger	
(27)	Magnum, P.I.		Biography		Investigative Reports		City Confidential		Law & Order	
(12)	Full House	Caroline			Movie: "Return to Mayberry"		News		MacGyver	
(39)	Millennium	Millennium	World Today		Larry King Live		Millennium Coverage		Sports	Moneyline

TUESDAY EVENING JANUARY 4, 2000										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Seinfeld	NHL Hockey: Boston Bruins at New York Islanders					Frasier		Mad	Mathis
(32)	Boss?	Random	Movie: "Deadly Invasion: The Killer Bee Nightmare"				Exploring the Unknown		700 Club	
(6)	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Just Shoot	3rd Rock	Will-Grace	Veronicas	Dateline		News	
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	College Football: Sugar Bowl -- Florida State vs. Virginia Tech						News	
(10)	News-Lehrer		Inside the Animal Mind		Nova		Frontline		People's Century	
(22)	College Gamenight		Jump Rope		Figure Skating: World Championships -- Exhibition		Cheerlead		Sportsctr.	
(34)	Waltons		Country Dance		Front Row Center		Life of Randy Travis		Dallas	
(13)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	JAG		60 Minutes II		Judging Amy		News	
(41)	Celtics	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at New York Knicks					FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News	
(15)	Desperately Sk.		Movie: "Jawbreaker"			Movie: "Nine 1/2 Weeks"			In Dreams	
(17)	Movie: "Lady and the Tramp"		Fantasia		Movie: "Cinderella"				Movie: "Chips, the War Dog"	
(18)	"City of Angels" Cont'd		Movie: "Stripes"		Scenes		Movie: "Coming to America"			
(20)	Front Row	College Basketball: Villanova at Seton Hall			Front Row		ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews
(44)	Intimate Portrait	Chicago Hope			Movie: "Moment of Truth: A Mother's Deception"		Golden		Golden	
(5)	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Movie: "Quigley Down Under"				Movie: "Jeremiah Johnson"			
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Thomberries	Skeeter	Brady	Brady	All in Family	Jeffersons	I Love Lucy	M.T. Moore
(25)	"All the Young Men"		Lee Marvin-Portrait		Movie: "Donovan's Reef"				Movie: "Springfield Rifle"	
(26)	JAG		Walker, Texas Ranger		Movie: "Road House"				Walker, Texas Ranger	
(27)	Law & Order		Biography		Investigative Reports		Love Chronicles		Law & Order	
(12)	Full House	Caroline			Movie: "Assassination"		News		MacGyver	
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	World Today		Larry King Live		Newsstand		Sports	Moneyline

WEDNESDAY EVENING JANUARY 5, 2000										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	7 Days				Star Trek: Voyager		Star Trek: Voyager	
(32)	Boss?	Random	"Desperate Journey: The Allison Wilcox Story"				Awesome Acts		700 Club	
(6)	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Dateline		West Wing		Law & Order		News	
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Two Guys	Its Like	Drew Carey	Norm	20/20		News	
(10)	News-Lehrer		Live From Lincoln Center				Paul Taylor: Dancemaker: American		Political Debate	
(22)	College Basketball: Georgia Tech vs. Kentucky				College Basketball: Duke at Virginia				Sportscenter	
(34)	Waltons		Country on Ice		Homestead				Dallas	
(13)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	King		Movie: "Sabrina"				News	
(41)	Brulser Flint	College Basketball: Rhode Island at Temple			Sports		FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News	
(15)	Artists' Specials		Movie: "Sphere"				Movie: "Gloria"			
(17)	"Zenon: Girl of the 21st Century"		MusicVids		Movie: "The Parent Trap"				Fantasia	
(18)	"The Negotiator" Cont'd		Movie: "Less Than Zero"		Big Canyon		Movie: "Devil in the Flesh"		Intimate	
(20)	Front Row	College Basketball: Rutgers at Syracuse			Front Row		ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews</

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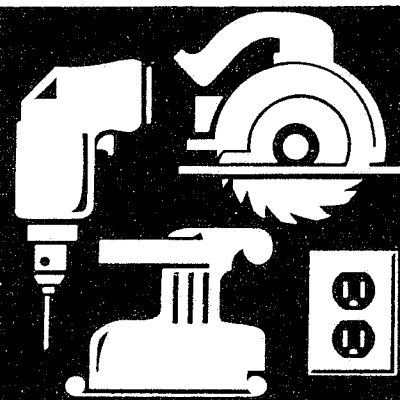
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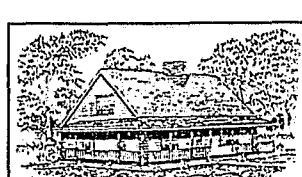
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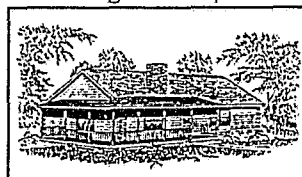
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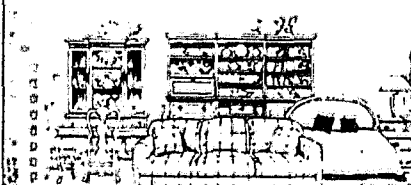
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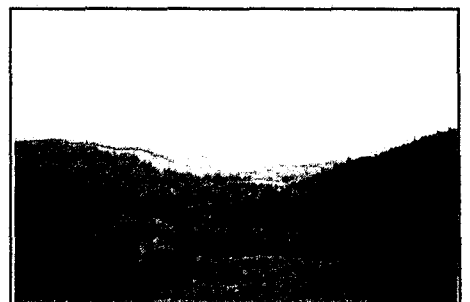
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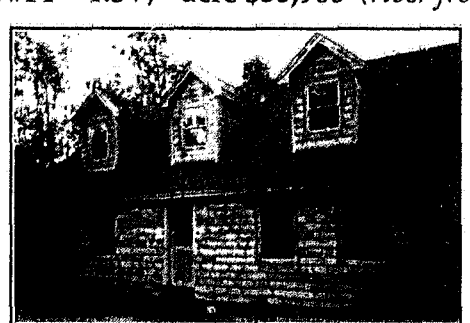
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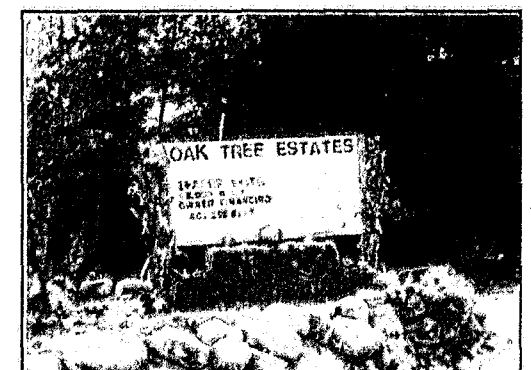


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Lot #10 ~ Newly built home with 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, stone fireplace, hardwood floors. All on 1.48+/- acres for only \$179,000



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Bethel's Corner on Business Opportunity!

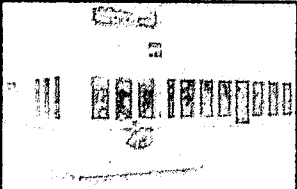
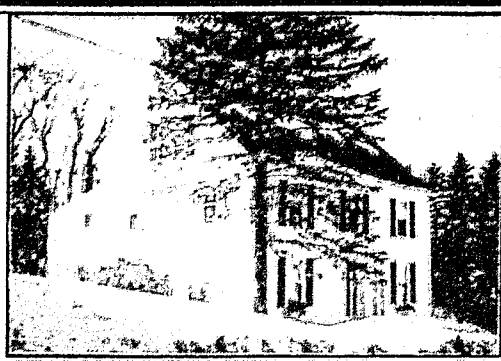


Newry Corner, Bear River
Cabin! Rt 26/2 in Newry prime location with history of store, restaurant, gas station plus rental apartment, cabins and river frontage on 3+/- acres!
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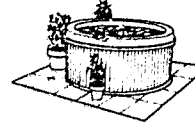
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Spectacular Paradise Rd! One of Bethel's finest homes, 4 bdrm, 2+ ba., 4,000+ sq. ft., great views, guest apartment and more! **Recently reduced to sell at only \$269,900!!**

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Great views of Sunday River slopes, stunning 2 story stone fireplace, vaulted ceilings and 3+ bedrooms, 2.5 baths are just a few of the many features awaiting the purchaser! **Great rental history, reasonable Newry taxes and two to choose from at this price!**



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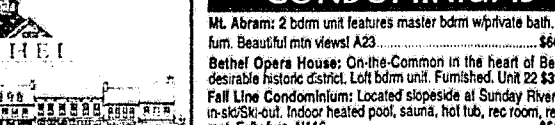
Village Home, Bethel: Great in-town home sit on a desirable residential street in downtown Bethel. 2 or 3 bedrooms, enclosed porch, 2 car garage w/ lots of storage space. Recent renovations are very tasteful and cheery. Large back yard. **\$109,000**



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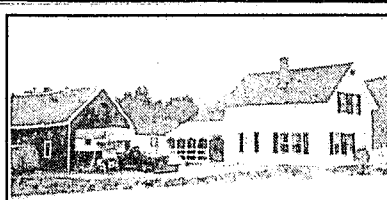
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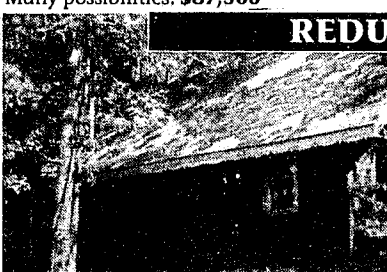
Rt. 2 & 26 Newry: Commercial and/or residential potential! This spacious 3-4 BR farmhouse is only a short drive to Sunday River & minutes to Bethel & Rumford areas. Shed has been converted to a large bedroom - ideal for a boarder. Attached 2 level barn, 2.34+/- acres with frontage on the Bear River and long road frontage. Many possibilities. \$87,500.



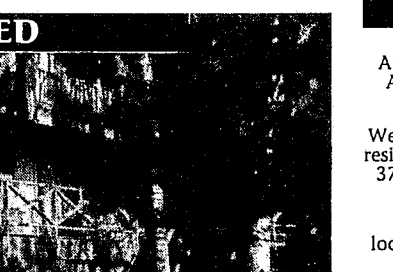
Rt. 26, Bethel: This 3-4 bedroom/2 bath home is situated on 20+/- acres enroute to Sunday River Skiway & Bethel Village! Property also boasts a large two level shop with storage/workshop space & a separate large garage in rear. Long Rt. 26 road frontage, unlimited possibilities - the choice is yours! \$124,900 Now \$114,900



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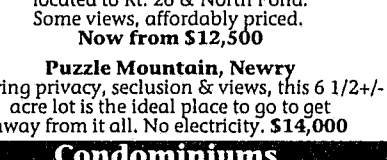
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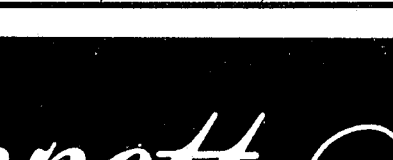
Rt. 26, Bryant Pond: Situated on a 1.64+/- acre lot/200+/- road frontage, this home offers 5 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, spacious living areas & attached shed. FHW oil furnace, vinyl siding. Highly visible separate building offers commercial/retail possibilities. \$67,500



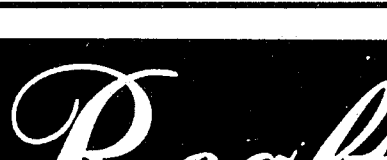
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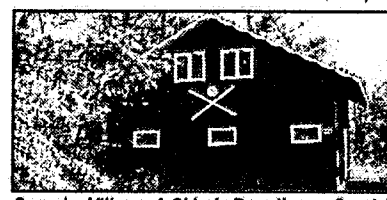


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Obituaries

C. MERLINE YOUNG

C. Merline Young, 69, of Brookfield Road, Buckfield, died Friday evening, Dec. 24, 1999, at Maine Medical Center, Portland.

She was born in South Paris on Aug. 18, 1930, a daughter of Milton and Hazel Pratt Johnson. She attended area schools and was a homemaker.

On Oct. 16, 1948, she married Donald Young.

She enjoyed painting, ceramic crafts, crocheting, hunting and fishing and will be remembered as everyone's angel.

Survivors include her husband of Buckfield; eight children, Donald Jr. and his wife Esther of Buckfield, Stanley of Buckfield, Diana Young of Buckfield, Hazel Ackley and her husband John of Sumner, Theresa Mack and her husband Roger of West Paris, Marie Young of Buckfield, Kathy Wade and her husband Robert of Buckfield and Randolph and his wife Wendy of Buckfield; two sisters, Francina Segar of Auburn and Marilyn Gagne of New Gloucester; a brother, Richard Johnson and his wife Natalie of South Paris, 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

At her request no service was held. Interment will be in the spring in Buckfield.

RAYMOND B. GIASSON

Raymond B. Giasson, 67, a longtime resident of Waterford, died Dec. 25, 1999, at his home, after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born in Lewiston on Sept. 4, 1932, a son of Alphonse and Eva Gagne Giasson. He was married to Frantie Dudley Giasson.

Mr. Giasson was employed for more than 40 years at shoe manufacturing companies.

He was a gifted musician; he played piano and keyboard in several bands, including the Nashville Express and New Edition. He loved sports and nature, especially fishing and taking his family on trips all over the East Coast and Canada. His favorite destinations were Storyland and Santa's Village in New Hampshire and the beautiful church at St. Anne de Beupre in Canada.

Survivors include his wife Frantie, five daughters, Laraine De Vaughn of Miami, Fla., Marie and Stephen Hunt of Waterford, Rose Giasson of Meredith, N.H., Brenda R. Giasson of Auburn, and Raylene Giasson of South Paris; three sons, Leslie and Ella Boardman of Port Orange, Fla., David E. of South Paris, and Russell and Karalee Giasson of Charlotte, N.C.; 16 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three brothers, Albert and Carman Giasson of Auburn, Roger and Cecile Giasson of Fort Myers, Fla., and Henry Giasson of Fort Myers, Fla.; two sisters, Germaine and Bert Nolin of Auburn, and Lorraine and Danny O'Neil, also of Auburn, and a Godchild, Mrs. Gail Giasson Curren of Sabattus; numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by two brothers, Romeo and Marcel.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Dec. 30, at the Oxford Advent Christian Church, Route 26 in Oxford, with interment in the Elm Vale Cemetery, South Waterford. Donations in Mr. Giasson's memory may be sent to the American Cancer Society.



Kimball - Goding

Brandy and Kaylla Figueroa are pleased to announce the engagement of their mother, Jodey Lynn Kimball of Bethel and Peter Ralph Goding of Auburn.

The bride-to-be is a daughter of Barry and Nancy Huff of Lewiston and the late Harry T. Kimball. She is a graduate of Telstar Regional High School and holds a cosmetology and insurance producer's license. She works as an agent at Kendall Insurance in Bethel.

The future groom is the son of Charles and Victoria Goding of Auburn. He is a graduate of Edward Little High School in Auburn and is currently employed by Morin Brick in Auburn and is a self-employed D.J.

A June 2000 wedding is planned.

Births

Howard A. and Laurie V. Bailey of Andover are delighted to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Frances Ellis, born on Dec. 11, 1999 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Frank and Janie Vogt of Bethel.

Paternal grandparents are Clarence J. Bailey of Andover and the late Frances Mae Bailey.

Ellie joins three brothers, Craig, 15, Owen, 10, and Sawyer, 8.

Stacia Tisdale and Daniel Sonnenfeld of South Paris are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Brendan Daniel Sonnenfeld, born on Dec. 14, 1999 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Patricia and Mike Tisdale of South Paris.

Paternal grandparents are Coleen and Otto Sonnenfeld of South Paris.

Dan and Stacey Bilodeau of Bryant Pond are pleased to announce the arrival of their baby girl, Evelyn (Evy) Jeanne, born on Nov. 29, 1999 at St. Mary's Hospital, weighing 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

Maternal grandparents are Bev and Steve Bressler of Minot.

Paternal grandparents are Cecile and Leo Bilodeau of Auburn.

John and Deanne Rothwell of Bryant Pond are pleased to announce the arrival of their baby boy, Blake McKay Rothwell, born on Nov. 20, 1999 at Rumford Community Hospital, weighing 8 pounds, 11 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Dick and Evelyn Bodenes of Andover.

Paternal grandparents are Robert and Patricia Rothwell of Waldo.

Angel Heath and Rodney Shackley of Norway are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Shauna Marie Heath, born on Dec. 13, 1999 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

Maternal grandparents are Mary Heath of Norway and William Heath of Oxford.

Paternal grandparents are Rodney and Darlene Shackley of Otisfield. Shauna joins a sister, Cassie, 3.

Michael and Kathryn Holden of South Paris are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Marcus Alexander, born on Dec. 14, 1999 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 9 pounds, 3 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Thomas and Frances O'Neill of Fryeburg.

Paternal grandparents are Albert and Nancy Holden of South Paris.

Marcus joins sisters Misty, Pamela and Amanda and brothers Michael, Tyler and Jessie.

Card of Thanks

Avery, thank you for the deep woods tours.

Barbara, Chris & Charlie

Louis and Jessica Shropshire of Bryant Pond are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Louis Charles Shropshire IV, born on Dec. 18, 1999 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 9 pounds, 13 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Sandra Frye of Bethel and Gary Frye of Fairfax, Va.

Paternal grandparents are Clarence and Barbara Rivers of Atlanta, Ga.

Kim and Eric Starbird of Waterford are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Madison Baylee, born on Dec. 22, 1999, at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 pounds.

Maternal grandparents are Betsy and David York of South Paris. Maternal great-grandparents are Dorothy and Gary York of Bethel.

Paternal grandparents are Toni and Brian Starbird of Waterford.

Madison joins sister Bryanne, 3.

Paul and Danielle Morton of Morgantown, W.Va., are pleased to announce the arrival of their son, Jack Robert, born on Nov. 6, 1999, at Ruby Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Van and Rejeanne Tran of Montreal, Canada.

Paternal grandparents are David and Ann Morton of Woodstock.

Great-grandparents are Van Quynh Tran of Toronto, Canada, Florence Hastings of East Bethel, and Hugh and Erma Morton of Standish.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE

On New Year's Eve at 4 p.m., a service of Evening Prayer will be held at the West Parish Congregational Church. All are invited. This will be an opportunity to thank God for the blessings of the past, said the Rev. Gwyneth Bohr, and to pray for God's blessings and guidance in the new millennium for ourselves, our community and for the leaders of the nations and the world. The worship leaders will include the Rev. Bohr and the Rev. Jean Bass.

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